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Indian Thought and Culture in the Tenth Century**

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## GENERAL EDITORS' PREFACE

Critical studies in Jaina religion and philosophy and researches in Jaina literature have conspicuously lagged behind in the march of Oriental scholarship with the result that our picture and perspective of Indian cultural heritage are far from being perfect and complete. Very often eminent scholars both from abroad and at home have stressed the pressing need of speeding up the progress of Jaina studies by critically editing ancient texts in different languages and by researches in various branches of Jainology.

Brahmachari Jivaraja Gautamachandaji, Sholapur, whose biography is already included in the First Volume of this Series ( *Tiloyapaṇṇatti*, part i, pp. 9-12 ), is well-known for his piety, love of learning and philanthropic zeal. It was with a view to advancing the cause of Jaina studies that the Jivaraja Jaina Granthamālā was started under the auspices of the Jaina Saṃskṛti Saṃrakṣaka Saṃgha which was founded by him by creating a Trust for it of his entire property amounting to about two lakhs of rupees.

It is with great pleasure that the General Editors present to the world of scholars this learned work, *Yaśastilaka and Indian Culture*, by Professor K. K. Handiqui as the Second Volume of the Jivaraja Jaina Granthamālā. Though the *Yaśastilaka* ( A. D. 959 ) had attracted the attention of Sanskrit scholars like Peterson and others, the literary genius and the wealth of learning of Somadeva were not fully appreciated. This dissertation will enable us now to assess the value of Somadeva's achievements in Indian literature. Somadeva, as Professor Handiqui has observed, 'is one of the most versatile talents in the history of Indian literature, and his masterpiece *Yaśastilaka* reveals the manifold aspects of his genius. He is a master of prose and verse, a profound scholar with a well-stocked memory, an authority on Jaina dogma, and a critic of contemporary philosophical systems. He is a close student of the art of government, and in this respect his *Yaśastilaka* and *Nītivākyaṃṛta* supplement each other. He is a redactor of ancient folktales and religious stories, and at times shows himself an adept in dramatic dialogue. Last but not least, he is a keen observer of men and manners. The position of Somadeva is, indeed, unique in Sanskrit literature'.

Turning to Somadeva's *Yaśastilaka*, 'the salient feature of the story of Yaśodhara is that it is a realistic tale based on a domestic tragedy, even an unpleasant incident of domestic life, around which is woven a story of moral and religious edification'. It 'is, as a matter of fact, the only considerable Sanskrit prose

romance which deals with tragic incidents of conjugal life, eschewing romantic love in favour of grim realities and the working of fate'. Though the chief object of this tale is to propound the highest standard of human morals, namely, the principle of Ahimsā, Somadeva has made his religious romance an elegant specimen of artistic Sanskrit prose and poetry. 'Apart from its special characteristics as a prose narrative, *Yaśastilaka* combines features which bring it into relation with diverse branches of Sanskrit literature. It is not only a Jaina romance in prose and verse but a learned compendium of Jaina and non-Jaina philosophical and religious doctrines, a manual of statecraft, and a great repository of Kāvya poetry, ancient tales, citations and references, and numerous rare words of lexical interest. Somadeva's *Yaśastilaka* is a work of massive scholarship enlivened by occasional flashes of literary genius and poetic feeling'.

It is indeed very happy that such a masterpiece of literature as the *Yaśastilaka* is thoroughly studied in its various aspects by an eminent and versatile Sanskritist of the status and standing of Professor Handiqui. His mastery over the niceties of the Sanskrit language and Kāvya poetry are well-known to all by his 'English Translation Śrīharṣa's *Naiṣadhacarita* with extracts from unpublished commentaries, appendices on philosophical allusions etc.', Lahore 1934. Thus Somadeva for his literary rehabilitation has found a worthy scholar in Professor Handiqui who possesses rare qualities of sympathetic and judicious understanding, wide and rich information and deep and critical learning. He undertook and completed the study of *Yaśastilaka* while he was the Principal and Senior Professor of History and Sanskrit at J. B. College, Jorhat (Assam). Very few Sanskrit works have been studied as thoroughly as the *Yaśastilaka* in this work; and Professor Handiqui deserves every praise for his steady labours and painstaking researches. The Sanskrit studies have become richer by his present contribution.

The Authorities of the Jivaraja Jaina Granthamālā offer their sincere thanks to Professor K. K. Handiqui for his generosity in placing his learned dissertation at their disposal for publication in this Series.

It is a matter of pleasure for the General Editors to record their thanks to Br. Jivarajaji as well as to the members of the Trust Committee and Prabandhasamiti for their active interest in the Series, and also to Professor Handiqui for his willing cooperation. They trust that the present volume is a worthy contribution to Indian studies, and it would open in future many a new line of study in the fields of Jaina religion, philosophy and literature.

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A. N. UPADHYE and H. L. JAIN  
General Editors.

## GENERAL EDITORS' PREFACE

( Second Edition )

It is with great satisfaction that we are presenting here the Second Edition ( a photographic reprint of the First Edition with a few additions ) of the *Yaśastilaka and Indian Culture*, by Professor KRISHNA KANTA HANDIQUI, M.A. ( Cal. et Oxon. ), which was first published in 1949 as No. 2 of the Jīvaraja Jaina Granthamālā. This publication was received with appreciation both at home and abroad, particularly from leading Sanskritists like the late lamented Professor L. RENOU of Paris. This exhaustive study of the *Yaśastilaka* has been, in a way, epoch-making and has inspired a number of other scholars to follow this model while studying other Indian classical texts.

Professor HANDIQUI's name has been well-known to Sanskritists through his standard English Translation ( with learned Notes ) of the *Naiṣadhacarita* of Śrīharṣa ( Lahore 1934, Poona 1956 and again Poona 1964 ). This work brought to the notice of Indologists Professor HANDIQUI's consummate mastery over the intricacies of the Sanskrit language and his wide vista of Sanskritic learning. His dissertation on the *Yaśastilaka* has been a pioneer and scholarly exploration in a more or less neglected religious romance based on domestic tragedy, of a medieval author of encyclopaedic learning. Somadeva was fortunate that his Campū came to be studied by a worthy scholar of great literary acumen and historical perspective. In fact, Sanskrit studies have become richer by Professor HANDIQUI's contributions on the *Naiṣadhacarita* and *Yaśastilaka*.

Professor HANDIQUI has inherited in his veins the blue blood of an aristocratic family of administrators connected with the Ahom dynasty of Eastern India. Obviously his zest ( even at the age of seventy ) for Indian learning is a part of his personality; and his devoted self-training in Western Universities has equipped him with the knowledge of many European languages, catholic taste and critical outlook. His personal library could be a proud possession of any of our new Universities. He leads the life of a true *vānaprastha* scholar whose entire time is spent in fruitful study and quiet research. Professor HANDIQUI shuns publicity and is shy of positions: *vidyā vinayena śobhate*. He is an academic Ṛṣi ; and his dedication to learning should be an inspiring example for the younger generation. His detached pursuit of knowledge is characterised by generous instincts, rare indeed, these days. He is well-known for his munificent donations to literary and educational foundations in the

State of Assam. The authorities of the Granthamālā are highly grateful to him for his gift of this edition to the Sangha.

Professor HANDIQUI's Translation of the *Setubandha* of Pravarasena is nearly complete, and would soon see the light of day. When published it will be another major contribution from his pen in the field of Indian classical studies.

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## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* was composed in 959 A. D. somewhere in the area corresponding to modern Dharwar and the westernmost districts of Hyderabad State. It is a Jaina religious romance written in Sanskrit prose and verse, but more important as an encyclopedic record of literary, socio-political, religious and philosophical data, valuable for the study of the cultural history of India, and particularly of the Deccan, in the tenth century and thereabouts, when the Rāṣṭrakūṭa empire still held sway in that part of the country. The object of the present volume is a critical study of the work; and if we have often gone far outside the limits of the text, it was only to give a more comprehensive picture of the life and thought of the times with reference to antecedent and subsequent factors in Indian cultural development.

The Sanskrit text was published long ago by the Nirnaya Sagar press in two volumes of a little over a thousand pages with the commentary of Śrutasaṅgāra. The second volume of the work appeared in 1903, and the second edition of the first volume in 1916. A voluminous Jaina text composed in a difficult style could hardly be expected to be popular even with advanced students of Indian literature. To add to our difficulties, the commentary, which is our only guide to the work, breaks off at p. 244 of the second volume; and the printed text was found to be far too defective to admit of a critical study of the work.

To obviate these difficulties, I have utilized the following manuscripts of the text kindly lent by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Poona : 1 ) MS. A : No. 230 of 1902-07, folios 434; 2 ) MS. B : No. 752 of 1886-92, folios 391; 3 ) MS. C : No. 274 of A. 1883-84, folios 341; and 4 ) another incomplete manuscript of the work. Of these MS. A is the most important. It is not only correct but contains valuable marginal notes which have been of great use in studying the text, specially the portion dealing with Jaina doctrines, on which the commentary is not available. Notes from MS. A have been incorporated in the present work; and, here and there, a line or a verse omitted in the printed text has been added from the manuscripts in the footnotes. In fact, nearly all the quotations from Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* in the present volume have been collated with the manuscripts, especially A.

I am grateful to Dr. A. N. Upadhye, Kolhapur, for his generous and voluntary offer to publish this work on behalf of the Jaina Saṁskṛti Saṁrakṣaka Saṁgha of



Sholapur. The munificence of the Saṅgha has made the publication possible in a comparatively short time, but the work would not have appeared in a presentable form without Dr Upadhye's tireless efforts.

Dr. V. Raghavan of Madras University was kind enough to send me an offprint of his interesting paper *Gleanings from Somadevasūri's Yaśastilaka Campū* published in *Ganganatha Jha Research Institute Journal* (February-August, 1944). Dr. Raghavan refers in his paper to the unpublished commentary of Śrīdeva on the text. It is a fragment of 34 leaves preserved in the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, and its existence was not known to me at the time of borrowing the manuscript mentioned above.

I am indebted to my friend Prof. P. K. Gode, Curator, Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, for help in connection with manuscripts, and especially for carefully made copies of articles and papers otherwise inaccessible to me. The photographs of the sculptures relating to the ancient Jaina Stūpa of Mathura were a gift from Dr. Vasudev Agrawala when he was Curator of the Provincial Museum, Lucknow. The Śaiva sculpture preserved in the Rajputana Museum, Ajmer, is reproduced in this book with the kind permission of the Archaeological Survey of India. My sincere thanks are due to S. Brajendra Kumar Acharya, Lecturer in Bengali, Cotton College, for compiling the General Index.

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K K. HANDIQUI

## AUTHOR'S PREFACE

( *Second Edition* )

The present edition is a reprint of the first edition published about twenty years ago. Circumstances have prevented me from undertaking a revision, but I have added supplementary notes incorporating the results of recent studies on the relations of the Lemulavāḍa or Vemulavāḍa Calukyas with Somadevasūri and the locality in which he wrote his masterpiece *Yasāstilaka* and other works. A brief note on the Eastern Calukyan temples, based on Dr. M. RAMA RAO's interesting monograph on the subject, has also been added to supplement the information brought together in Appendix III.

The early publication of this edition is entirely due to the enthusiasm and keen interest of my esteemed friend Dr. A.N. UPADHYE. I offer my sincere thanks to Dr. B. RAMA RAJU of Hyderabad for sending me information about some of the places dealt with in the supplementary notes and drawing my attention to Sri. S. GOPALA-KRISHNA MURTHY's monograph *Jain Vestiges in Andhra*.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES

( I )

### The Vemulavāḍa Čālukyas and Somadevasūri.

Recent studies have conclusively shown that the Čālukya family during whose rule Somadeva lived and worked held the territory corresponding to Karimnagar district of former Hyderabad State, now included in Andhra.<sup>1</sup> These chiefs were feudatories of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas; and Yuddhamalla I, the founder of the family, has been assigned to about the middle of the eighth century. We are concerned here with the last three rulers Arikesarin II, Vadyaga or Baddega and Arikesarin III.<sup>2</sup>

Arikesarin II ruled in the second quarter of the tenth century, and was the patron of Pampa who wrote his famous poems *Ādipurāṇa* and *Vikramārjunavijaya* in Kannāḍa in 941 A. D.<sup>3</sup> According to the Parbhani plates, Arikesarin II was succeeded by his son Bhadradeva ( II ), also called Vadyaga, the father of Arikesarin III. Somadeva tells us in the colophon to his *Yaśastilaka* that he wrote the work in 959 A. D. during the reign of a prince who was the eldest son of Arikesarin ( II ), and who, as we have pointed out on p. 4, is variously called Vagarāja, Vādyarāja, and Vadyagarāja in the manuscripts. The name Vadyaga is considered to be a variant of Baddiga, which occurs as the name of an earlier chief in the genealogy given in the Parbhani plates, and appears also as Baddega in the Vemulavāḍa pillar inscription of Arikesarin II.<sup>4</sup>

Baddega is said to have built a Jina temple for his teacher Somadevasūri in an inscription on the pedestal of an image of Pārśvanātha found at Vemulavāḍa in

1. See VENKATARAMANAYYA : *The Čālukyas of L ( V ) emulavāḍa*, Hyderabad, 1953; and specially N. LAKSHMINARAYAN RAO's paper The Family of Arikesarin, Patron of Pampa in the *Quarterly Journal of the Mythic Society*, Vol. XLV.
2. There is a confusion in the genealogy given on p. 4 of this book. The last two names should be omitted.
3. RICE : *A History of Kanarese Literature*, p. 30.
4. Baddega is called Baddega III by RAO op. cit., obviously because among the earlier chiefs there was another Baddega and another Bhadradeva ( same as Baddega, being a Sanskrit variant of the name ). But the first Bhadradeva is not mentioned in the Vemulavāḍa Pillar inscription, and if he did not actually rule, as seems probable, our Baddega might be called Baddega II.

Karimnagar district.<sup>5</sup> This is confirmed by the Parbhani plates issued in 966 A. D. by his son Arikesarin III, which state that the village of Vanikaṭupulu<sup>6</sup> was granted by him to Somadevasūri for the repairs and upkeep of a temple called Śubhadhamajinalaya built by his father Vadyaga in the capital city of Lembulapāṭaka, identified with the village of Lemulavāḍa or Vemulavāḍa mentioned above. Close to it was the prosperous town of Gaṅgadhāra where Somadeva says he composed his romance. The manner in which he refers to this town in the colophon to the work would seem to indicate that it enjoyed the bountiful patronage of the reigning chief Vadyaga or Baddega.<sup>7</sup>

Lembulapāṭaka<sup>8</sup> figures also in the Vemulavāḍa pillar inscription of Arikesarin II, which records a grant of land in a corner of the city for the maintenance of a Sun temple built by Peddaṇārya, a high official (*tantrapāla*) in the service of the ruling chief. Three other temples dedicated to Śiva (Rajeśvara, Baddegeśvara and Nagareśvara) are mentioned in the record, which shows that the place was a stronghold of Śaivism. Even today Vemulavāḍa is an important centre of pilgrimage in Telingana.<sup>9</sup>

Arikesarin II seems to have been a follower of the orthodox religion, but he was catholic in his sympathies, as shown by the fact that his court poet Pampa was a Jaina and wrote on Jaina themes. His son and successor Baddega came under the influence of Somadevasūri, who is described in the Parbhani plates as being held in great esteem and veneration by kings and powerful feudatory chiefs. He not only built a temple in the capital for the great teacher but seems to have adopted the Jaina creed under his guidance. It is noteworthy that the Parbhani inscription issued by his son Arikesarin III opens with a verse which extols the glory and the beneficent mission of the Jaina faith.

5. RAO *op. cit.*, p. 216; VENKATARAMANAYYA *op. cit.*, p. 45.
6. This and some other villages are said to exist almost under the same names in Sirsilla *taluk* of Karimnagar district. RAO *op. cit.*, p. 223.
7. Pt. PREMI's manuscript gives this portion of the colophon in a more correct form than the printed edition : श्रीमद्वज्रगराजस्य लक्ष्मीप्रवर्धमानवसुधारायां गङ्गधारायां. RAO (*op. cit.*, p. 223) says that Gaṅgadhāra still exists under the same name near Vemulavāḍa. I am informed by Dr. B. RAMA RAJU of Hyderabad that it is in Jagtiyal *taluk* of Karimnagar district, ten miles from Vemulavāḍa.
8. The Parbhani plates and the revised text of the Vemulavāḍa pillar inscription of Arikesarin II in RAO *op. cit.* have -pāṭaka. The text of the latter record reproduced by VENKATARAMANAYYA (p. 91) has -vāṭaka.
9. Several Śaiva temples are shown on the site plan of Lemulavāḍa village in VENKATARAMANAYYA's monograph.

The Jaina relics at Vemulavāḍa have been surveyed,<sup>10</sup> but no trace exists of any Jaina structure or temple. The image of Parśvanātha with the inscription mentioned above may have once belonged to the Śubhadhama temple built by Baddega. There are as many as a dozen figures of Jaina Tīrthaṃkaras scattered in the precincts of the Hindu temples in the area besides a few other interesting Jaina sculptures. Vemulavāḍa may have had more than one Jaina temple, and was in any case a notable centre of Jainism during the reigns of the last two Cālukya chiefs in the third quarter of the tenth century. The rule of the Vemulavāḍa Cālukyas seems to have terminated with that of their overlords, the Raṣṭrakūṭas; and soon afterwards Telingana came under the sway of the Cālukyas of Kalyāṇi. Jainism may have flourished for some time more, but it is probable that with the loss of royal patronage it declined and ultimately disappeared from the area. It is in the heyday of its glory at Vemulavāḍa that we see Somadevasūri as an honoured and influential exponent of the Jaina faith.

## ( II )

No attempt can be made here to fill the lacunae in Appendix III on the geographical distribution of the Śaiva temples, but a reference may be made to the Eastern Cālukyan temples by way of illustrating the dominant position of Śaivism in Andhra.<sup>11</sup> Most of these temples are dedicated to Śiva, and the more important ones are assigned to the ninth century, covering the reigns of Narendramṛgarāja Vijayāditya ( 806-46 ), Guṇaga Vijayāditya ( 848-891 ), and Cālukya Bhīma I ( 892-922 ). The first king is said to have built one hundred eight Śiva temples; while several such temples in the village of Bikkavolu in East Godavary district are attributed to the reign of Guṇaga Vijayāditya. The next king Cālukya Bhīma I was a great builder. He built three important temples known as Bhīmeśvara at Drakṣarama, a township in Ramachandrapuram taluk of East Godavary district; at Cālukya-bhīma-varam, a village near Sāmalkot in the same district; and at Chebrolu in Bapatla taluk of Guntur district. Other Eastern Cālukyan temples of the same period are the Rāmalīngeśvara at Pālakollu in West Godavary district; the Someśvara at Somārama ( now Somavaram forming part of the village of Bhīmavaram in the same district ); and the Amareśvara at Amāravati on the southern bank of the Krishna in Guntur district. Most of these structures are two-storied and the shrine at Drakṣarama with its elaborate sculptures is the most famous among the temples of

10. MURTHY : *Jain Vestiges in Andhra* ( Andhra Pradesh Government Archaeological Series No. 12 ). Hyderabad, 1963.

11. See M. RAMA RAO : *Eastern Cālukyan Temples of Andhra Deśa* ( Andhra Pradesh Government Archaeological Series, No. 19 ). Hyderabad, 1964.

Andhra. The development of Eastern Calukyan temple architecture in the second half of the ninth century was coeval with the transition from the Pallava to the Cola style of temple building in the Tamil country during the reigns of Vijayalaya and Āditya I.

It is noteworthy that the temples named above with the exception of the one at Chebrolu are located at the five traditional Śaiva centres of Andhra, collectively known as Pañcārāma namely, Dakṣarāma (modern Drakṣarāma), Kumārārama (Calukya-bhīmavaram), Kṣīrārāma (Pālakollu), Somarāma (Somavaram) and Amarārāma (Amaravati). Of these Amaravati and Pālakollu are popular centres of Śaiva pilgrimage.

### ( III )

It may be noted that some of the verses cited by Somadeva in the *Yaśastilaka* in illustration of Buddhist doctrines (see pp. 188-9 & 457 of this book) are taken from the *Pramānavārttika* of Dharmakīrti (circa 600 A. D.). The two verses *yah paśyaty ātmānam* and *ātmani sati parasaṃjñā* occur in the *pramāṇa-siddhi* chapter of that work (see *Pramānavārttika* with the commentary of Manorathanandin, pp. 86-7; and *Pramānavārttikabhāṣyam* of Prajñakaragupta, pp. 146-7, Patna, 1953). The verse *vedapramāṇyam kasyacit kartṛvādah* occurs at the end of Dharmakīrti's own *vṛtti* on the *svārthanumana* chapter of the above work. Kaṇakagomin in his commentray on the *vṛtti*, however, reads *dhvastaprajñāne* for *prajñānam*, and says *pramāṇavalambijñānam prajñānam, tad dhvastam yasmin jāḍye tattathoktam, nyāyānusāri-jñānarahita ityarthah*. See *Pramānavārttikam*, p. 619, Allahabad edition.

### ( IV )

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Lately an inscription is discovered on the hill Bommalagutta in the vicinity of the village Gaṅgadharam (Gaṅgadhara ?) in the Karimnagar district of former Hyderabad State, now included in Andhra Pradesh. It was got carved by Jinavallabha, brother of Pampa. It is partly in prose and verses, and in three languages, Kannada, Sanskrit and Telugu. It gives good many details about Pampa, his parentage and provenance. Arikesari donated the village Dharmapura to Pampa when the latter completed his Kannada poem *Vikramārjunavijaya* (see p. 6 of this book and Note I above); and it is this event that is commemorated by Pampa's brother in this record. (See the Telugu Magazine *Bhārati* for March 1967; *Journal of the Karnatak University, Humanities No.*, Vol. XI 1967, pp. 73 f., 107f., also *Kannada Nuḍi* March 1968, pp. 9f.)

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## CHAPTER I

### SOMADEVA AND HIS AGE

Two works of Somadeva are extant: *Yaśastilaka*<sup>1</sup> and *Nitivākya-mṛta*.<sup>2</sup> The former, called also *Yaśodhara-mahārāja-carita*, deals with the pathetic story of Prince Yaśodhara in prose and verse in eight Books called *Āśvāsas*. The latter work is a treatise on polity, divided into thirty-two chapters consisting of aphorisms on the various topics dealt with. *Nitivākya-mṛta* seems to have been written after *Yaśastilaka*.

Somadeva gives a fair amount of information about himself at the end of his *Yaśastilaka*. He belonged to an order of Jaina monks known as *Devasaṃgha*, and was the disciple of Nemideva who was the disciple of Yaśodeva.<sup>3</sup> The colophon to *Nitivākya-mṛta* tells us that Somadeva was the younger brother of Mahendradeva, and had the following honorific titles: *Syādvādācalasimha* 'A lion on the mountain of Syādvāda', *Tūrkika-cakravartin* 'The Lord of the logicians', *Vādibha-puñcānana* 'A lion to the elephants, to wit, the disputants', *Vākkallola-payonidhi* 'An ocean of the waves of eloquence', and *Kavikularāja* 'The king of the poets'. We are also told that Somadeva was the author of *Yaśodhara-mahārāja-carita*, *Ṣaṇṇavati-prakarana*, *Mahendra-mātuli-saṃjalpa* and *Yuktacintāmaṇisūtra*. There is some doubt about the title of the last work, as a manuscript of *Nitivākya-mṛta* written in Saṃvat 1290, and preserved in one of the Jaina Bhaṇḍārs at Pattan, gives it as *Yuktacintāmaṇistava*.<sup>4</sup>

In one of the concluding verses of *Yaśastilaka* Somadeva tells us that the work was copied by a celebrated scribe named Racchuka, who was called *Lekhaka-śikhāmaṇi*, and whose calligraphy seems to have been utilized by the fair sex for their love-letters.<sup>5</sup> All trace of this first copy of the original manuscript seems to have been lost.

1 *Kāvya-mālā* 70, Parts I & II, Bombay 1901.

2 *Māṇikachandra D. Jaina Granthamālā* 22, Bombay 1922.

3 श्रीमानस्ति स देवसंघतिलको देवो यशःपूर्वकः, शिष्यस्तस्य बभूव सद्गुणनिधिः श्रीनेमिदेवाङ्गयः । तस्मात्तत्पदस्थितेऽलि-  
नवदेवैर्जनुर्मेहावादिनां, शिष्योऽभूदिह सोमदेव इति यस्तस्मैव काव्यकृतः ॥ *Yaśastilaka*, part II, p. 418.

4 *Descriptive Catalogue of Manuscripts in the Jain Bhaṇḍārs at Pattan*, Vol. I, p. 31.

5 विद्याविनोदवनवासितद्वन्द्वयुगेन, पुस्तं व्यलेखि बिलसङ्घिनि रञ्जुकेन । श्रीसोमदेवरचितस्य यशोपरस्य, सलोकमान्य-  
गुणरत्नमहीधरस्य ॥ अयि च । यस्माद्वरावलिर्धीरविकोचनानिराकाङ्क्षते मदनशासनकैस्त्रेणु । तस्मै विवेकिषु न  
यच्छति रञ्जुकाय, को नाम लेखकशिखामणिनामधेवम् ॥



Somadeva goes on to say that the *Kāvya*, that is, *Yasastilaka* was composed in Śaka 881 (959 A. D.), the cyclic year being Siddhārtha, on the Madana-trayodaśī day of the month of Caitra, when Kṛṣṇarājadeva was extending his sway at Melpāṭi, after having vanquished the Pāṇḍya, Cola, Cerama (i. e. Cera), Ceylonese and other kings.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva's statement is remarkable for its historical accuracy, as it is corroborated by the Karhād plates of the great Rāṣṭrakūṭa emperor Kṛṣṇa III, issued on the 9th March, 959 A. D., at Melpāṭi, a few weeks earlier than the completion of Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*.<sup>2</sup> The subject of the inscription is the grant of a village in Karahāṭa (Karhād in Satara district) to a Śaiva ascetic, but the record was issued at Melpāṭi (Melpādi in North Arcot district), where the emperor was encamped with his victorious army 'for establishing his followers in the southern provinces, for taking possession of the estates of the provincial chiefs and for constructing certain temples'.<sup>3</sup> The inscription, like Somadeva, refers to Kṛṣṇa III's victories over the Colas and the kings of the Ceranma (i. e. Cera), Pāṇḍya and other countries as well as Ceylon, and tells us, besides, that he erected a pillar of victory at Rāmeśvara.<sup>4</sup> The emperor states in the record that he issues the order, 'having established his victorious camp at Melpāṭi' (*melpāṭi-samāvāsita-śrīmadvijaya-kāṭakena mayā*).

The victory over the Colas was the most important, as Kṛṣṇa III is known to have occupied Tonḍaimaṇḍalam (to the north of the Kāveri), and appears to have annexed the northern part of the Cola dominions to his empire, sometime after the decisive battle of Takkolam in 949 A. D., when the Cola crown-prince Rājāditya, the son of Parāntaka I, was killed on the battlefield by Kṛṣṇa's tributary and ally, the Gaṅga ruler Būtuga II.<sup>5</sup> The Karhād grant of 959 A. D. shows the Rāṣṭrakūṭa emperor in his camp at Melpāṭi at the close of his victorious southern campaigns. As a recent authority on Cola history says, "there can be no question that the effect on the Cola empire was ruinous, and that as a consequence of the blow in

1 'अकनूषकालावीतसंवत्सरशतेष्वष्टलेकाशीत्यधिकेषु गतेषु (अङ्कतः ८८१) सिद्धार्थसंवत्सरान्तर्गतचैत्रमासमदनत्रयोदश्यां.....मेरपाटीप्रवर्धमानराज्यप्रभावे श्रीकृष्णराजदेवे सति ।'

2 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. IV, parts VI and VII. "The date of the grant was Wednesday, the thirteenth *tithi* of the dark fortnight of Phālguna of the cyclic year Kālayukta, the Śaka year being 880 *past* (l. 56 f.)."

3 *Ibid.*, p. 281.

4 Somadeva says: पाण्ड्यासिंहकनोक्तयेरमप्रवृत्तीन् महीपदीन् प्रसाधय. The inscription says: कृत्वा दक्षिणदिग्जयोषतयिवा चौकान्वयोन्मूलनं, तन्नामि निजधूलवर्गपरितयेरन्मपाण्ड्यादिकान् । देनोचैः सह सिंहलेन करदान् सम्मण्डलाधीश्वरान्, न्यसः कीर्तिकृतकिरप्रतिहृत्तिस्त्वन्मह रानेश्वरे ॥

5 Altekar: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and their times*, p. 117 ff., Poona 1934.

the north, much of the south also slipped out of Parāntaka's hands. The Cola empire was no more; it had to be built up all over again".<sup>1</sup>

It is interesting to note that the Melpāṭi camp of Kṛṣṇa III is mentioned also by Puṣpadanta in his *Mahāpurāṇa*, a voluminous work in Apabhraṃśa verse on the lives of the sixty-three heroes (*śaḍakṣ-puruṣas*) of the Jaina faith, commenced in 959 A. D., that is, in the year of the completion of Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, and finished in 965 A. D.<sup>2</sup> Puṣpadanta says in his *Mahāpurāṇa* 1. 3—

सं कहमि पुराणु पतिवज्जालु	सिद्धात्पवरिसि सुवजाहिरालु ।
उम्भदण्डु नृमंगमीलु	लोदेपियु चोडहो लण्ड लीलु ।
सुवजेकरालु रावाहिराड	जहिं अण्डह तुडियु महाजुमाड ।
सं दीजदिण्णवणकणवपवड	महि वरिजमंतु मेपाडिजवड ।

Puṣpadanta means to say that he commenced his *Purāṇa* in the cyclic year Siddhārtha (the same as that mentioned by Somadeva) when 'the lord of kings', Tuḍiga, explained in the gloss as Kṛṣṇarāja, was in the city of Mepāḍi, identified in the gloss with Melapāṭiya-nagara, that is, Melpāṭi, after having severed the Cola prince's head 'with the hair tied up'. This is obviously a reference to Rājāditya's death in the battle of Takkolam, the memory of which was still fresh in 959. Puṣpadanta describes the town of Melpāṭi as 'rolling in festivities', and as a place where presents of money and gold had been given to the poor. It is natural to surmise that Kṛṣṇa III was celebrating his southern victories at Melpāṭi that year, and the town was in a gay mood on account of the celebrations. The year 959 A. D. was indubitably a year of political and cultural importance in the history of the Dekkan, as it not only saw the consummation of Rāṣṭrakūṭa hegemony in the south, but the commencement and completion respectively of two monumental works of Indian literature.

Although Somadeva was a contemporary of Kṛṣṇa III, his work was not composed at Mānyakheta, the Rāṣṭrakūṭa capital, but at an obscure place called Gaṅgadhārā, which seems to have been the capital of a prince named Vāgarāja, the eldest son of a Calukya chief named Arikesarin, a tributary of Kṛṣṇarāja.<sup>3</sup> The Arikesarin mentioned by Somadeva belonged to an obscure

1 Nilakanta Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, p. 162.

2 Vaidya: Introduction to *Jasakaracarin*, p. 20, Poona 1931.

3 "....भीकृष्णराजदेवे सति तत्पादपक्षोपजीविनः.....वाङ्मयकुलवन्मनः सामन्तपूजामणेः भीमहरिकेतरीणः प्रथमपुत्रस्य भीमहागराजप्रवर्धमानवहुभारावा गङ्गाभारावा विनिर्मापितमिदं काव्यमिति" *Yasastilaka*, Book VIII, part II, p. 419. Ms. A reads गङ्गाभारावा. This is omitted altogether in Mss. B and C. Ms. B, however, reads वहुभारावा, and in Ms. C वहुभारावा seems to be corrected into वहुभारावा.

branch of the Cālukya dynasty, which ruled over a province called Jola, a portion of which is said to have been included in the modern district of Dhārwar in Bombay Presidency.<sup>1</sup> Nothing is known about Gaṅgadhārā, but it seems to have been somewhere in or around Dharwar District. It may perhaps be identified with Gangawati in the south-western corner of Hyderabad State in Raichur District, quite near Dharwar. There is also a river named Gangawali in the North Kanara District south-west of Dharwar.<sup>2</sup>

As regards the prince during whose reign Somadeva composed his romance, there is some doubt about the reading of the name Vāgarāja found in the printed text of *Yasastilaka*. Of the manuscripts of the work used by me, the well-written and correct A reads Vāgarāja as in the printed edition, but mss. B and C read Vādyarāja, while a manuscript consulted by Pt. Nathuram Premi reads Vadyagarāja.<sup>3</sup> The correct name, as we shall see, seems to be Baddiga of which Vādyarāja and Vadyagarāja are Sanskritized variations.

A copper plate inscription in Sanskrit recently found at Parbhani in Hyderabad State<sup>4</sup> not only gives us a glimpse of Somadeva seven years after the composition of *Yasastilaka* but furnishes a genealogy of the feudatory Cālukya chiefs in whose territory he lived and worked. The genealogy of these tributaries of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas, hitherto known to us from the Kanarese *Bhārata* composed by the Jaina poet Pampa in 941 A. D.,<sup>5</sup> is here carried to 966 A. D., the date of the inscription. The list of kings may be compiled as follows:

Yuddhamalla I, Arikesarin I, Narasimha I (+ Bhadradeva), Yuddhamalla II, Baddiga I (defeated and captured Bhima), Yuddhamalla III, Narasimha II, Arikesarin II (married a Rāṣṭrakūṭa princess named Lokāmbikā), Bhadradeva, Arikesarin III, Baddiga II (Vadyaga) and Arikesarin IV.

Of the kings mentioned Arikesarin II was the patron of Pampa who wrote his masterpieces in 941 A. D.; while Baddiga II or Vadyaga was the king during whose reign Somadeva completed his romance in the year 959 A. D., as recorded in the colophon. The inscription under discussion

1 Bhandarkar: *Early History of the Dekkan*, third edition, p. 137.

2 *The Imperial Gazetteer of India*, Vol. XXVI, Atlas, Plates 39 and 42.

3 Pt. Premi: *Jaina Sāhitya aur Itihāsa* p. 76, Bombay 1942.

4 Reproduced in the above work (p. 90 ff.) from the *Journal of the Bhārata Itihāsa Samśodhana Maṇḍala*, Poona, Vol. XIII, No. 3, published in Marāṭhi.

5 Bhandarkar: *Early History of the Dekkan*, p. 137 and Altekar: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and their times*, p. 129.

records the grant of a village to Somadeva by Vadyaga's son Arikesarin IV in Śaka 888 or 966 A. D. for the repairs and upkeep of a Jaina temple called Śubhadhāma-jinālaya, built by Vadyaga in the capital (Lem)bulapāṭaka. The name of the village granted to Somadeva was Vanikatupulu.<sup>1</sup>

It is clear from the above record that in 966 A. D. Somadeva was in charge of the Śubhadhāma temple, and seems to have carried on his literary activities undisturbed, as a hitherto unknown work *Syādvādapaniṣad* is here attributed to him in addition to *Yasodharacarita*.<sup>2</sup> He was held in the highest esteem by his contemporaries, and kings and feudatory chiefs are described as reverently bowing at his feet.<sup>3</sup>

It may be noted in this connection that there are at least two puzzling factors in the inscription we are considering. Firstly, the Saṃgha to which Somadeva belonged is here called Gaudasamgha: Yaśodeva, the *guru* of Somadeva's *guru* Nemideva, is assigned to this Saṃgha.<sup>4</sup> But, as we have seen, Somadeva himself describes Yaśodeva as belonging to the Devasamgha. Secondly, the capital of Arikesarin IV is stated to be (Lem)bulapāṭaka, about which nothing definite is known, although it might be somewhere in Hyderabad State. It is noteworthy that we have so far the names of three capitals of the Cālukya chiefs who ruled in the Jola territory. Arikesarin II, who was the patron of the famous Kannaḍa poet Pampa, ruled at Puligere (mod. Lakshmesvar in Dharwar District);<sup>5</sup> Vadyaga is described by Somadeva as ruling at Gaṅgadhārā; and his son Arikesarin IV calls (Lem)bulapāṭaka his capital. It may also be noted that just as Arikesarin, the father of Vadyaga, is described by Somadeva as a humble tributary of Kṛṣṇarāja (Kṛṣṇa III), similarly the present inscription describes Arikesarin, the son of Vadyaga, as a tributary of the same overlord in exactly similar terms.<sup>6</sup>

While Somadeva was a contemporary of Kṛṣṇa III and Vadyaga, it is not clear whether either of them was his patron; probably he had no

1 '(ले)बुलपाटकनामधेयनिजराजबन्धो निजपितुः श्रीमद्वद्यगस्य शुभशामजिनालयाख्यवस(तेः) खण्डरुदितनवमुभा-  
कर्मवैलिनियेयार्थे सकाचन्द्रध्वजाशीलपिकेन्द्रशतेषु गतेषु.....तेन श्रीमदरिक्तेसरिणा श्रीमत्सोमदेवसूरये.....बलि-  
कडपुलुनामा ग्रामः.....दत्तः ॥'.

2 'विरचयिता यशोधरचरितस्य कर्ता स्वादादोपनिषदः कवि(वसि)ता चान्येषामपि सुभाषितानाम्.....'.

3 'अखिलमहासाम(न्तसी)मन्तप्रान्तपर्यस्तोत्तमसखसुरभिचरणः सकलविद्वज्जनकणोवर्तसीमवचशःपुण्डरीकः सूर्य इव  
सकलानिष्टतां शिरःशेषिषु सिखण्डमण्डनायमानपादपथोऽभूत्'.

4 'श्रीगौडसंघे मुनिमान्यकीर्तिनाम्ना यशोदेव इति प्रजज्ञे' Pt. Premi (op. cit.) is inclined to identify this Gauda with the Gola or Golla kingdom of the South, mentioned in the Śrāvapa Belgola Inscriptions.

5 Rice: *Kanarasa Literature*, p. 30.

6 'सत्यकालवर्षदेवश्रीशिवजीवह्वयमहारणाधिराजपरवेधपरमभट्टारकश्रीमदयोवर्षदेवपादानुष्ठातमवर्द्धमानविजयराज्य-  
श्रीकृष्णराजदेवपादपथोपजीविना'.

patron properly so called. Somadeva was a Jaina Ācārya and respectfully mentions his *guru*. He was, besides, a political thinker, and in his *Nītivākyāmṛta* pays homage to the state and not to any king.<sup>1</sup> It is, however, certain that he was intimately acquainted with court life, and may have passed some time in the Rāṣṭrakūṭa capital. The court life so minutely described by him in Book III of his *Yasastilaka* does not apply to a petty feudatory chief like that of Gaṅgadhārā, and can be true only of a sovereign of imperial status, who receives embassies from foreign courts, declares war against refractory kings, and has at his disposal regiments drawn from different parts of Hindustan.<sup>2</sup> Somadeva, the author of *Nītivākyāmṛta*, was a patriotic citizen of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa empire, and gave much thought to the principles of state-craft and the well-being of the state, and in his great romance he gives a picture of the imperial court, besides throwing sidelights on the problems of government affecting war and peace.

The tenth century, like its predecessor, was a flourishing period of Jaina literature in Sanskrit and Prākṛit, and in Kanarese as well. Confining ourselves to the epoch of Somadeva, we may safely assume it to coincide with the reign of Kṛṣṇa III from 939 to 968 A. D., and within these limits we come across several distinguished names in the annals of scholarship and literature. In 941 the famous Kanarese poet Pampa wrote his two poems, *Ādipurāṇa*, which relates the history of the first Tīrthamkara, and *Vikramāṇṛjuna-vijaya*, which tells the story of the Mahābhārata, or rather that of Arjuna. About the year 950 Pōṇṇa, the second great Kanarese poet of the century, wrote his *Sāntipurāṇa*, which relates the legendary history of the sixteenth Tīrthamkara, under the patronage of Kṛṣṇa III who gave the poet the honorific title of Ubhaya-kavi-cakravartin for his proficiency in Kanarese and Sanskrit.<sup>3</sup> Quite at the beginning of the reign of Kṛṣṇa III, Indranandin wrote in Sanskrit a work called *Jvālāmālīni-kalpa* dealing with a mystic fire-cult associated with the goddess Jvālāmālīnī. The work was composed in 939 A. D. at Mānyakheta and refers to Kṛṣṇarāja.<sup>4</sup>

Among the immediate contemporaries of Somadeva we come across two distinguished names: Puṣpadanta and Muñjārya Vādighaṅghala Bhaṭṭa. We have already referred to the former, who commenced his *Mahāpurāṇa* in 959 A. D. under the patronage of Kṛṣṇa III's minister Bharata, and wrote two other works, *Jasaharacarita*, which, like Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, relates

1 'अथ वर्मोपकामफलान् राक्षसाय नमः ।'

2 See below Chapters IV and V.

3 Rice: *Kanarese Literature*.

4 Hiratal: *Catalogue of Sanskrit and Prakrit Manuscripts in C. P. and Berar*, p. XXX.

the story of Yaśodhara, and *Nāyakumāracarīu* or the story of Nāgakumāra, both under the patronage of Bharata's son and successor Nanna.<sup>1</sup> Puṣpadanta wrote in Apabhraṃśa verse, and is one of the most important Jaina poets in that language so far discovered; and his prodigious literary activity bears witness to the flourishing condition of Apabhraṃśa literature in the tenth century. Hariṣeṇa<sup>2</sup> who wrote his *Dharmaparīkṣā* in Apabhraṃśa in 988 A. D. mentions three distinguished Apabhraṃśa poets: Puṣpadanta, Svayambhu and Caturmukha; and Puṣpadanta himself refers to Svayambhu and Caturmukha in his *Mahāpurāṇa* 1.9.<sup>3</sup> The works of Svayambhu—*Paṭmacarīu* and *Riṭṭhaṇemicarīu*—are available in manuscript, and his son Tribhuvana Svayambhu was also a poet and made substantial additions to his father's poems.<sup>4</sup> Svayambhu may be assigned to the eighth or ninth century, as he mentions Raviṣeṇa, the author of *Padmacarita* (seventh century), in his *Paṭmacarīu*, and is himself mentioned by Puṣpadanta. Caturmukha is earlier than Svayambhu, as the latter mentions him in his *Riṭṭhaṇemicarīu* and other works. It is also noteworthy that a number of other Apabhraṃśa poets is cited by Svayambhu in another work of his, a treatise on Prosody called *Svayambhu-chanda*. There was thus a well-defined literary tradition in Apabhraṃśa in and before Somadeva's time; and there is no doubt that he was to some extent influenced by the prevailing current of Apabhraṃśa poetry, as he has used various Apabhraṃśa metres with considerable skill in a number of verses of his *Yaśastilaka*.<sup>5</sup> The use of Apabhraṃśa metres in Sanskrit verse is a novel experiment on the part of a writer who sets out to write classical Sanskrit in the style of Subandhu and Bāṇa, but it shows the wide range of Somadeva's literary equipment and his interest in the vernacular literature of the time. Further, in spite of the divergent character of the works of Somadeva and Puṣpadanta, they seem to have occasionally drawn on common sources for some at least of the literary material handled by them. The story of Yaśodhara itself is one such example; while the tale of Jamadagni and the two birds, and that of Śrībhūti and Bhadrāmītra related by Somadeva as independent stories in *Yaśastilaka*, Books VI and VII<sup>6</sup>, occur in Puṣpadanta's *Mahāpurāṇa* (LXV. 13 ff. and LVII. 7 ff.) as part of a larger scheme of Jaina religious and mythological stories.

1 For details see the Introductions to the critical editions of these works. The first two are edited by Dr. Vaidya and the third by Prof. Jain.

2 *Annals* of the B. O. R. I., XXIII, 592-608; Pt. Premi's *Jaina Sāhitya aurā Itihāsa*, p. 326.

3 चरुमुद्रु सवन्तु सिरिहरिमुद्रु दोषु गालोदु कइ ईसाणु गणु ।

4 See Pt. Premi's article on Svayambhu in his *Jaina Sāhitya aurā Itihāsa*.

5 See below Chapter VII.

6 See below Chapter XVI.

Muñjāryya Vādighaṅghala Bhaṭṭa is known to us from the Kudlur plates of the Gaṅga king Mārasimha, dated 963 A. D.<sup>1</sup> Mārasimha was a tributary of Kṛṣṇa III, and the grant of a village to Vādighaṅghala Bhaṭṭa by the former forms the subject of the inscription, which eloquently describes the great Jaina teacher's attainments and influence. Vādighaṅghala Bhaṭṭa was a distinguished grammarian and seems to have propounded a system of grammar on a sure and sound basis.<sup>2</sup> He was an expert in Lokāyata, Sāṃkhya and Buddhist philosophy as well as Vedic interpretation,<sup>3</sup> a great master of Jaina doctrine, and an eminent poet. He was intimately connected with the Gaṅga king Būtuga II and Kṛṣṇa III and the Rāṣṭrakūṭa capital. We are told that his faultless and eloquent elucidation of literature (*sāhitya-vidyā*) made Gaṅga-Gāṅgeya (Būtuga II), 'a cuckoo in the pleasure-garden of learning', his pupil. He was honoured by the learned men of Vallabharāja's capital, who were enlightened by his exposition of all branches of political science,<sup>4</sup> and Vallabharāja seems to be no other than Kṛṣṇa III who is called Vallabhanarendradeva in the Karhād grant, and Vallabhanarendra and Vallabharāya in Puṣpadanta's works.<sup>5</sup> Kṛṣṇa is, moreover, explicitly mentioned in the inscription, which declares that Kṛṣṇarājadeva, who with his tributaries honoured the master, conquered the regions by acting upon his counsel, which was 'sound in relation to the present as well as the future'.<sup>6</sup> It would thus appear that while Somadeva was preoccupied with the theoretical principles of state-craft, Vādighaṅghala Bhaṭṭa played the role of a practical statesman and acted as a political adviser to the Rāṣṭrakūṭa emperor. The glory and achievements of the empire seem to have opened new vistas before the thinking men of the age, and persons like Somadeva and Vādighaṅghala Bhaṭṭa, who in other times would probably have confined themselves to literature or speculative thought, took a deep interest in matters of vital importance to the state. The disruption of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa empire after Kṛṣṇa III must have been a rude shock to cultural possibilities in the Dekkan.

1 Text and translation in *Annual Report of the Mysore Archaeological Department* for 1921.

2 'निर्देशयनिर्दिष्टादित्यादित्याकरणप्रकारः' lines 159, 160.

3 'वैदर्बिचारचारविषयः' line 162.

4 'यस्य निरवयवसाहित्यविद्याभ्याख्याननिपुणविषयानुगुणवाणीविशेषातिशयच्छात्रीभूतसकलविद्याविनोदरामकलकण्ठयज्ञ-गायत्र्यभूषण, सकलराजविद्याप्रतिपादनप्रतिपुद्गलबोधप्रबोधितवृद्धभराजकटकानेकविद्वज्जनोपजनितपूजाप्रकटीकृतमहिमो-जतिमहनीयविद्याविभवस्व', lines 165-169.

5 बल्लभारिदवरमहाराज *Jasaharacariv* 1. 1. 3; बल्लभारयमहंतण *Nāyakumāracariv* 1. 3. 2.

6 तदात्वायतिष्ठतमवक्रमोपदेशानुष्ठानवशीकृताखिलदिगन्नासरमससंयोगसुखसंपन्नकृष्णराजदेवद्विहितवचनसंभावनाप्र-भावोपनतसकलमण्डलिकसामन्तसंततिमसरस्व', lines 169-171.



Two important Jaina poets Vādirāja and Vādibhasimha are said to be Somadeva's disciples. Śrutasāgara in his commentary on *Yastatilaka* 2, 126 quotes a statement which represents Somadeva as saying that both Vādirāja and Vādibhasimha are his disciples.<sup>1</sup> The statement cannot, however, be traced in the two extant works of Somadeva, and neither Vādirāja nor Vādibhasimha claims Somadeva as his *guru* in any of their works. Vādirāja says at the end of his *Pārtvanāthacarita*, a poem in 12 cantos, that his *guru* is Matisāgara; besides, he belonged to the Nandisamgha, while Somadeva belonged to the Devasamgha. Similarly, Vādibhasimha in his prose romance *Gadyacintāmaṇi* 1.6 gives expression to his deep obligations to his *guru* Puṣpasena. On the other hand, it is not chronologically impossible for Vādirāja and Vādibhasimha to be regarded as disciples of Somadeva. Vādirāja, according to his own statement, wrote his *Pārtvanāthacarita* in Śaka 947 (1025 A. D.) during the reign of the Western Calukya king Jayasimha II who ruled from 1015 to 1042 A. D. As regards Vādibhasimha, he as well as Vādirāja is mentioned in the Belgāmve grant of Jayasimha II, dated 1036 A. D., which describes a Śaiva savant named Vādi-Rudraguṇa as having defeated in argument Vādibhasimha, Vādirāja and other scholars<sup>2</sup>; and the great king Rājarāja mentioned at the end of Vādibhasimha's poem *Kṣatracūdāmaṇi*<sup>3</sup> might very well refer to the Cola king Rājarāja the Great who ruled from 985 to 1014 A. D. It will be thus seen that Vādirāja and Vādibhasimha flourished in the first quarter of the eleventh century; and assuming Śrutasāgara's statement to be correct and genuine, they may be regarded as having been Somadeva's disciples during their boyhood. But, nevertheless, it is strange that they should be so completely silent about their early *guru* Somadeva.

The epoch of Somadeva was preceded and followed by a considerable output of Jaina literature in various parts of India. Among his predecessors, from the beginning of the ninth century to the early part of the tenth, we find such names as Virasena (author of the *Dhavalā* commentary and part of the *Jayadhavalā*), Jinasena (completed the *Jayadhavalā* and wrote *Ādipurāṇa* and other works), Guṇabhadra (author of *Uttarapurāṇa* and *Ātmānuśāsana*), the Jaina Śākatāyana, Vidyānanda (author of *Aṣṭasaḥsri*, *Tattvārthaslokavārtika* etc.), Siddharṣi (author of *Upamitiḥhavaprapaṇcā kathā*), and Hariṣeṇa (author of *Kathākosa*) and others; while among his immediate successors, from about the last quarter of the tenth century to the first quarter of the eleventh, we find Kanarese writers like Cāmuṇḍa-

1 स वादिराजोऽपि श्रीसोमदेवाचार्यस्य शिष्यः । 'वादीयसिंहोऽपि मनीयशिष्यः श्रीवादिराजोऽपि मनीयशिष्यः' इत्युक्तत्वात् ।

2 See below Chapter XIII.

3 राजा राजराजोऽयं राजराजो महोदयः । देवता कवता चतुः शतशतशतशतशतः ॥





deal of his energy in engaging in controversy influential disputants belonging to rival faiths. This was, in fact, a trait of the times, as can be seen from such peculiar but significant names as Vādirāja, Vādibhasintha, Vādigharatta, Vādighaṅghala, Paravādimalla, Vādikolāhala etc., found among the Jaina writers and scholars of the age. That this was a practice common to all the schools is evident from I-tsing's eloquent description of it in his account of education in India towards the end of the seventh century. "When they are refuting heretic doctrines", says the Chinese traveller, "all their opponents become tongue-tied and acknowledge themselves undone. Then the sound of their fame makes the five mountains (of India) vibrate, and their renown flows, as it were, over the four borders." "They oppose the heretics as they would drive beasts (deer) in the middle of a plain, and explain away disputations as boiling water melts frost. In this manner they become famous throughout Jambudvīpa (India), receive respect above gods and men, and serving under the Buddha and promoting His doctrine, they lead all the people (to Nirvāṇa)."<sup>1</sup>

The Praśasti verses of *Nītvākyāmrta* emphasize Somadeva's activity as a controversialist, and proclaim his superiority to all prospective disputants. One of the verses, for instance, asks a disputant how he dares argue with Somadeva, not being an Akalaṅka in argumentation nor a Harṣasiddhāntadeva in the knowledge of traditional lore nor a Pūjyapāda in eloquence.

सकलसमवर्तके नाकलङ्घ्योऽसि वादी न भवसि समबोद्धी ईससिद्धान्तदेवः ।

न च बचनविकासे दृढवपादोऽसि तत्त्वं नदसि कवचमिदानीं सोमदेवेन कथम् ॥

The final verse trumpets Somadeva's eloquence which strikes terror into the hearts of all disputants, and claims that even Brhaspati cannot hold his own in argument with him.<sup>2</sup>

While these boasts and eulogies are of a conventional character, they reveal one aspect of Somadeva's intellectual equipment; and he was perhaps as assiduous in his polemical activity as any of his contemporaries. This, however, should not blind us to the fact that poetry and literature must have made heavy claims on his time and intellectual effort, as the composition of an extensive work like *Yasatilaka* in prose and verse was bound to presuppose long and careful preparation, involving laborious study of the secular branches of study and fervent devotion to the art of poetry. His statement that he had studied Tarka since his childhood shows that he began his career as a student of logic, metaphysics and allied subjects,

1 *A Record of the Buddhist Religion* by I-Tsing. Trans. by Takakura, pp. 178, 181.

2 दार्शनिकोपनिषद्सिद्धिवादी, अदिष्टोद्भवमूर्ध्वरत्ननिवासे । श्रीसोमदेवमुनिरे वचनारसाले, कवचमिदानीं दुरतोऽसि न बचकाले ॥

and seems to have taken to poetry late in his life. But his devotion to his second love was no less sincere, and apparently he came to realise that poetry was an exacting mistress. As he says at the beginning of his work,

मिथ्यां विदूष्यसि साकारसं कथसि सर्वेन्द्रियाद्येन ह्यमर्षमिति विदुष्यसे ।

चेतस विघ्नमवसे कविते निशाचि लोकस्यपि सुकृती त्वदनुमते ॥ 1. 41.

'Thou Muse, thou evil genius, thou dost dismiss sleep, hinder delight in the Śāstras, reduce all the senses to impotence, and bewilder the mind. Yet men are lucky if they obtain thy favour.'

The combination of Tarka and Poetry, so prominent in the case of Somadeva, is not an isolated phenomenon in Indian literary history. Śrīharṣa, the author of *Naiṣadha-carita* and *Khaṇḍanakhanda-khāḍya*, is a classic example of this tendency, which is also observed occasionally in lesser known poets. We may refer, for example, to Trailokya who flourished in Kashmir in the first half of the twelfth century, and is mentioned by Maṅkhaka in *Srikāṇṭha-carita* 25. 65, 66.<sup>1</sup> It is noteworthy that Maṅkhaka compares Trailokya to Tūtātita or Kumārila, who is also supposed to have been a Tārkika as well as a Kavi, although no poem composed by him has come down to us.

It may be safely assumed that *Yasastilaka* was the product of that period of Somadeva's life when his poetic power had reached its full maturity. The author makes certain claims for his work which will bear the scrutiny of investigation.

First, he says that he composed his work without aid from any source and without any model before him, and therefore compares it to a gem produced by the ocean.

अलहायमनादर्शं रत्नं रत्नाकरादिव । मत्तः काव्यमिदं जातं सत्तु हृदयमण्डनम् ॥ 1. 14.

The claim of originality, like all such claims, may be admitted only in a limited sense. Somadeva cannot claim any originality regarding the plot, but there are some novel features in regard to the form and contents of the romance, which distinguish it from other versions of the story of Yaśodhara and, indeed, from other prose romances extant in Prakrit or Sanskrit. It may be added that the claim of originality is in conformity with Somadeva's idea that a poet should rely upon his own efforts and not imitate or borrow from others. He declares that the poet, who keeps before him the works of his predecessors and consults them again and again and expresses himself in the same manner or differently, is a plagiarist ('poetry thief') and a sinner.

1 इदोऽपि तर्ककार्कश्ये प्रगल्भः कविकर्मणि । यः श्रीजुवातितत्त्वैव पुनर्जन्मान्तरप्रदः ॥

तं श्रीशैलोपयमाश्लेष्य मण्यं सत्कर्मिणां पुरि । यवी सुहृदभिव्यक्तं कार्यकस्तं सचयैताम् ॥

Jenarāja remarks in his commentary: जुवातितः कुमारिकः । स हि तार्किकः कविवासीयः ।

इत्युक्तं कवीः पूर्वज्ञाः पुराणां प्रवर्तकैः साः पुनरीक्षमाणाः ।

सर्वैश्च प्रत्येकं बोद्धव्यं वा स काम्यचौतुःस्तु स वाचकी च ॥ 1. 13.

It is, however, conceded that occasional similarity with other writers in ideas or expression cannot detract from the merits of a poet who is not in the habit of looking into the works of others.

इतीः परेषामधिकोक्तमानसदुक्तिवक्तारि कविर्न हीनः ॥ 1. 12.

Somadeva's theory of poetical self-sufficiency is no doubt exaggerated and belied by literary history, but we may be certain that he relied mainly upon his own resources in the composition of his encyclopedic work.

Secondly, Somadeva says that he who has the curiosity to go through his work can avail himself of poetic utterances, appropriate dicta, and the tenets of all the *Sāstras*.

उक्तव्यः कविकाकान्ताः सुखबोद्धव्यसरोविताः । युक्तव्यः सर्वसाक्षात्तास्तस्य वस्ताव कौतुकम् ॥ 1. 15.

This is not an empty boast or arrogant self-assertion. Poetic merits apart, *Yasastilaka* is, indeed, a storehouse of information concerning the tenets of various *Sāstras* and schools of thought; and this aspect of the work conforms to the theory of *Vyutpatti* held by Somadeva himself and the writers on poetics. Somadeva tells us that there is one type of *Kāvya*, 'sweet to the ears' and eloquent with descriptions, and another type which charms the heart, being replete with meaning; no wise man will find fault with either of these, but proper and fit is that kind of composition which contributes to the all-round *vyutpatti* or scholarly instruction of the author himself and others.

किंचिद् काम्यं भवन्नुत्तमं वर्णयोदीर्घवर्णं, किंचिद्वाच्योचितपरिचयं इत्यमकारकारिः ।

अत्राद्युक्ते क इह सुकृती किं तु युक्तं तदुक्तं, यद्वाच्यत्वे सकलविषये स्वस्य चाम्यस्य च सात् ॥ 1. 16.

The *Vyutpatti* mentioned by Somadeva has two aspects. The *Vyutpatti* of the poet is his scholarly training; and the idea of it appears in a systematic form in most writers on poetics, who lay stress on the importance of *Vyutpatti* as a supplementary discipline reinforcing *Śakti* or *Pratibhā*, or natural genius; while, among poets, Maṅkhaka emphasizes the value of *Vyutpatti* or *Pāṇḍitya* in his *Srikāṇṭhacarita* (2. 5, 27, 45-48). Certain writers, e. g., Mammata, and especially Rājasekhara<sup>1</sup> who is closely followed by Hema-

<sup>1</sup> Rājasekhara in *Kāvyamīmāṃsā*, chap 8, envisages a wide range of intellectual equipment for a poet, and enumerates twelve recognised sources of poetry: *Śruti*; *Smṛti*; *Itihāsa*; *Purāṇa*; *Pramāṇavidyā* or the philosophical systems; *Samayaavidyā* or sectarian systems like those of the Śaivas, the Pāñcarātras, and the Buddhists, popularly called *Āgama*; the three *Rājasiddhāntas* consisting of *Polity*, *Erotics*, and *Dramaturgy*; *Loka* or a knowledge of the world, its geography and customs; *Viracānt* or fanciful stories and conceits; and *Prakīrṇaka* or miscellaneous subjects like the science of elephants, the *Dhanurveda*, the science of gems, treatises on *Yoga* etc.

dra, and Vāgbhaṭa, the author of *Kāvyaśūśrūṣa*, and Kṣemendra, in his *Kavikāṣṭhābharaṇa*, who employs the term *Paricaya* for *Vyutpatti*, clearly enumerate the various branches of learning, with all or some of which the poet is expected to show his acquaintance. Considered from this standpoint, Somadeva's statement that his *Kāvya* is a repertory of all the *Śāstras* is corroborated to a large extent by an examination of the contents of the work, and there are few works in *Kāvya* literature which fulfil the conditions of *Vyutpatti* so completely as Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*.

The *Vyutpatti* of 'others', that is, of the readers of a poem refers to their instruction in the topics of the *Śāstras*, so that a *Kāvya* is viewed as a kind of introduction to the learned branches of study. Somadeva's view of this aspect of *Vyutpatti* may be correlated with the opinion of Bhāmaha, who says in his *Kāvyālaṅkāra* (chap. V) that the *Śāstras* are, as a rule, difficult to understand and shunned by the untalented, who, however, enjoy them when mixed with the sweet potion of poetry, just as people take an unpalatable dose of medicine after tasting honey.<sup>1</sup> In other words, the *śāstric* pill is to be sugared with poetry for the benefit of those who are unable to swallow it as it is. The difficult topics of the *Śāstras* should be made interesting and popular through poetry, and this the poet can do by expounding or referring to them in the course of his *Kāvya*. Bhāmaha, accordingly, goes on to say that there is no topic—no word, no meaning, no principle of logic, and no art or science—which does not serve as an element in poetical composition, and the poet's burden is undoubtedly great.<sup>2</sup> It will be thus seen that the idea that a *Kāvya* should be a medium of instruction for its readers was prevalent long before the tenth century, and this idea no doubt greatly influenced the scope and composition of Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*.

Somadeva speaks of the great transmuting power of poetry. The true poets are those whose words make familiar things unfamiliar and unfamiliar things familiar.

त एव कवयो लोके वेषां वचनमोचरः । सपूर्वोऽपूर्वतामर्थो वाचपूर्वः सपूर्वताम् ॥ 1. 25.

This somehow reminds us of certain lines of Wordsworth on the contemplation of Nature :

Familiar things and awful, the minute  
And grand, are destined here to meet.....<sup>3</sup>

1 प्रायेण दुर्बोधतया शास्त्राद् विव्यक्तमेव सः । तदुपच्छन्दनायेव हेतुन्यायकमोचरः ॥ स्वादुकाष्ठरसोन्मिश्रं शास्त्रमप्युप-  
युजते । प्रथमालीढमपनः विवर्तितं कटुं जेषयन् ॥

2 न स शब्दो न तद्वाच्यं न स न्यायो न सा कला । आवृते वच काम्यगङ्गमहो भारो महान् कवेः ॥

3 Herbert Read: *Wordsworth*, p 193. The lines occur in the first draft of a passage intended as an alternative for some lines in Book VIII of the *Prelude*.

But it is obviously the genius of the poet, working on a broader canvas, that makes the familiar awful and the awful familiar.

Somadeva asserts that even the animals are thrilled with joy when they hear the utterances of a good poet.<sup>1</sup> This is an exaggeration, but he may have in mind the musical effect of lyric poetry.

The question of appreciation of poetry is considered by Somadeva from the standpoint of poets in several verses. The poets are said to be fond of people who may not be learned, but who can grasp the trend of the spoken word. In other words, learning is not necessary for the appreciation of poetry: the excellence of gold is, for instance, demonstrated by the touchstone which is of inferior value.<sup>2</sup> The ability of laymen to judge the merits of poetry, although they are not poets themselves, is set forth by citing the example of the man who can discern the flavour of sweets while eating, although he is ignorant of the process of boiling sugar.<sup>3</sup> As for princes, poetical efforts are useless when a king lacks in judgment; it is no use putting rich fare before an animal who feeds on grass.<sup>4</sup> The populace also lacks in judgment and delights in a poem, simply because it is reputed to be good; it often happens that literary works are held in esteem solely on account of their being accepted as good by others, just as a woman acquires a reputation for beauty when she becomes someone's mistress.<sup>5</sup> In matters affecting poetry, one should appeal to the judgment only of those who, like the ocean, 'keep within' (i. e. bear in mind) what is good, and throw out what is bad; that is, the true critic is one who appreciates the merits of a poem, ignoring the defects.<sup>6</sup> Further, a thing ought to be judged on its own merits and not in relation to a type to which it does not belong; it is futile to look for the sheen of gold while testing silver. In other words, poetry must be judged as poetry, and the critic must not expect to find in it what does not properly fall within the province of poetry.<sup>7</sup> Those who are blind to merits, being intent on fault-finding, and try to pass off blemishes as merits are unfit to study poetry: being the enemies of the goddess of learning, they have indeed no right to study it.<sup>8</sup> Finally, it is useless to argue whether any one

1 ता एव शुकपेवाचस्तिरश्वामपि वाः श्रुताः । भवन्त्यानन्दनिम्बन्दामन्दरोमाश्चहेतवः ॥ 1. 26.

2 अदुग्धेऽनुक्तिश्रुतिषु कवीनामुत्सवो महात् । गुणाः किं न सुवर्णस्य व्यञ्जयन्ते निकषोपले ॥ 1. 28.

3 स्वपक्षानि स्वयं लोकः कामं काव्यपरीक्षकः । रसपाकानमिहोऽपि भोक्ता वेति न किं रसम् ॥ 1. 29.

4 वृषा वृष्टः श्वसः सर्वो निर्विचारे नरेश्वरे । प्राञ्चभोज्यविधिः कः स्वापुण्यत्वादिति देहिनि ॥ 1. 30.

5 अङ्गनावक्षिरो गम्याः प्रायेणान्वपतिग्रहाद् । स्वयं विचारस्तु न हि प्रसिद्धा रञ्जते जनः ॥ 1. 32.

6 काव्यकमास्तु त एव हि कर्तव्याः साक्षिणः समुद्रतमाः । गुणमणमन्तमिदमिति दोषमकं वेदितुं कुर्वन्ति ॥ 1. 36.

7 आत्मस्मितेर्वस्तु विचारणीयं न जातु जालन्तरसंभयेण । दुर्वर्णनिर्वर्णविधौ पुमानां सुवर्णवर्णस्य वृषानुवन्धः ॥ 1. 37.

8 गुणेषु ये दोषमनीपदान्वा दोषान् गुणीकुरुमन्वेद्ये वा । भोक्तुं कवीनां वचनं न सेदृशः सरस्वतीदोहिणु कोऽपि कारः ॥

1. 38.



is a poet or not, since in the ultimate resort the ears and minds of the readers are capable of discerning the true nature of the spoken word and its significance respectively.<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva exploited to the full the resources of the Sanskrit language, and has an undisputed claim to rank as a classical writer; but he could not altogether escape the influence of Jaina literary usage in handling Sanskrit prose and verse. A glaring instance is his use of *manā* for *ebhā*, a Prakritism found also in some other Jaina Sanskrit writers. He writes also *klesa-bhājanāḥ* more than once (e. g., in 3. 388 and towards the end of Book VI), which is clearly against classical usage. A serious grammatical mistake occurs in 3. 480.

सुरसिन्धुप्रासोक्तानि च वदन्ति : । प्रथमसमये चन्द्रोदयोत्पत्तयस्तु मुदे सदा ॥

Here *śrayat*, although it forms part of a Bahuvrihi compound, is made to govern *śriyam*. The editors of the N. S. edition of *Yasastilaka* propose to read '*cchaviśraya*', but not only the printed text but the three manuscripts used by me have the incorrect form. An instance of loose construction is *kināsa-kelim anavāpta-dhiyaḥ* in 2. 130. The commentator explains the phrase by supposing *prati* to be understood between the two compounds: *कीनासकेलिं यमकीदां प्रति अनवाप्तधियः अप्राप्तबुद्धयः यावन्मरणं नावाप्तीत्यर्थः*. Such irregularities are, however, few and far-between, and perhaps negligible considering the bulk of the work.

One of the most conspicuous characteristics of Somadeva as a writer is his use of numerous rare and unfamiliar words, many of which are not found elsewhere in Sanskrit literature. The command of vocabulary makes *Yasastilaka* an exceptionally fruitful source of Sanskrit lexicography, but the use of far-fetched words sometimes gives a pedantic air to the work. Somadeva is not, indeed, the word-hunter ridiculed by Athenaeus<sup>4</sup>; he is rather the learned researcher who tries to bring into use obsolete words. As a matter of fact, he distinctly refers to this aspect of his literary effort, when he says at the end of Book V that he has resuscitated words that had been swallowed by the crooked monster of Time.

भराककाकम्पाकेन ये कीदाः सम्यक् मुदे । सम्याः कीलोमदेयेन प्रोत्थाप्यन्ते किमनुतम् ॥

While Somadeva thus claims to have rescued long-forgotten words from oblivion, he also states that he has recovered words lying hidden at the bottom of the ocean of the Śāstras, and that with these gems of words he has made an ornament for the Goddess of speech.

1 अयं कविर्नैव कविः किमत्र हेतुप्रवृत्तिः कृतिविधिरेवा । शोचं मनश्चात्र यतः सत्यं वाग्वैद्यो स्वमिरूपयन् ॥ 1. 39.

2 विहितानन्दमहोत्सवः कुम्भपूर्वाग्रहावसरेभिः । 2. 329, किं वेदोक्तैरभिः सूत्रैश्च विद्वानुपाकरो Book IV, p. 118.

3 See Jacobi's Preface to *Upamitibhavaraprakāśa Kāthā*, p. XX.

4 *Deipnosophistae*, III. 93.

कमुच वाक्यमपेक्षितं निमित्तं पदार्थैरेव विरादभिधानम् ।  
वा सोमदेवविदुषा विदितं विभूषा भाग्येवतां वस्तु संमतिं वाचयतीम् ॥

In the latter verse Somadeva evidently refers to the unfamiliar words and the technical terms of the Śāstras which he has used in his Kāvya. This was, in fact, a trait of Kāvya literature, especially of the later period, but Somadeva seems in this respect to have gone further than any other writer of the age.

Somadeva, like Bhavabhūti, sometimes gives expression to a sense of over-confidence in his own powers, and claims something like a monopoly of poetical talents (End of Book IV).

मया वागवसंभारे मुके सास्वते रसे । कवयोऽन्ये मविष्मन्ति नूनमुच्छिन्नमोजनाः ॥

In another place he says that if there are any honest people efficient in the art of poetry and the knowledge of the world, they should make it a point to study the utterances of the poet Somadeva.

लोकविरचे कवित्वे वा यदि चातुर्यचक्रवः । सोमदेवकवेः सूक्तीः समम्बलन्तु साधवः ॥ 3. 513.

That Somadeva himself was conversant with the art of poetry as well as the way of the world, that he was a *kavi* as well as a *lokavid*, a shrewd observer of contemporary society, is apparent from his works, and that is the highest compliment we can pay him. That this was considered high praise even in those times is shown by the fact that Jinasena in his *Ādipurāṇa* I. 56 attributes these qualifications to his *guru* Virasena, the celebrated author of the *Dhavalā* commentary.<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva's self-assertion is in marked contrast to the modesty of an author like Siddharṣi, who wrote his great allegorical romance about half a century before *Yasastilaka* was written.<sup>2</sup> But it is noteworthy that in the opening verses of *Yasastilaka* Somadeva makes only modest claims in behalf of his work. He begins by saying that there is nothing that has not been visualized by the all but omniscient poets of old; and it is a miracle when a present-day poet, however sharp in intellect he may be, happens to make any utterance comparable to theirs (1. 11).<sup>3</sup> As regards his own Kāvya, he opines that it will create fun among the wicked, but will contribute towards the intellectual growth of the wise, while those who are impartial will not remain silent about the work. He hopes that the wise, whose sensibility has been made extremely dull by partaking of the excessive sweetness of

1. लोकविरचे कवित्वे वा लितं भट्टारके इवम् । वागिमता वागिमनो यस्य वाचा वाचस्पतेरपि ॥

2. In 908 A. D. See Jacobi's Preface to his ed. of *Upamitibhavaprapañcā kathā*, p. xxi.

3. सर्वज्ञकवेः कविभिः पुरातनैरपेक्षितं वस्तु किमिति संमति । येऽनुमीनस्तु कुशामवीरसि प्रसक्तिं वस्तुतद्वत्वं स विभावः ॥



the works of the meritorious poets, might have a liking for the utterances of poets like himself, just as they would relish Neem leaves after excessive indulgence in sweets (1. 22-3).

दुर्जनानां विनोदाय दुर्जानां मतिजन्मने । मन्वत्त्वानां न मौनस्य मन्वे काव्यमिदं भवेत् ॥  
सुकविकथनाभिरुच्यप्रवचनसेवातिदुर्जाकथानाम् । विदुमन्दकन्दलीमिव भवतु कविर्मेदिनोऽपि दुर्जानाम् ॥

Despite the all-round importance of Somadeva as a writer, he seems to have exercised very little influence in any department of thought outside the sphere of Jaina religious literature. He was completely ignored by the non-Jaina *literati*, and his literary rehabilitation is due to the interest taken in him by modern research. He seems to have found only one commentator for his *Yasastilaka*, the Jaina Śrutasāgara Sūri who wrote his works early in the 16th century.<sup>1</sup> As regards *Nītivākyāmrta*, there is an anonymous commentary extant on the work, of unknown date: it is, however, full of quotations from ancient writers on Smṛti and polity, and its author was a non-Jaina as he salutes Hari at the beginning of the work.<sup>2</sup>

The literary fortunes of Somadeva are a sad commentary on how the achievement of a writer of genius can be neutralized by sectarian indifference and religious prejudices; but, as we shall see, Somadeva himself was imbued with such influences, and could hardly expect recognition outside the circle of his co-religionists. On matters relating to Jaina dogma he has always been recognised as an authoritative writer, and it is noteworthy that, in a number of verses quoted by Śrutasāgara in his commentary on Kundakunda's *Bhāva-pāhuḍa* (V. 34), Somadeva is mentioned among the great teachers of Jainism:

अथ के ते आचार्या वैः कृतं शास्त्रं प्रमाणीक्रियते इत्याह—  
श्रीमद्वाहुः श्रीचन्द्रो जिनचन्द्रो महामतिः । गुणविष्णुगुरुः श्रीमाद् कोहाचार्यो जितेन्द्रियः ॥  
एकाचार्यः पूज्यपादः सिंहलन्दी महाकविः । श्रीरसेनो जिनसेनो गुणलन्दी महातपाः ॥  
समस्तमन्त्रः श्रीकुम्भः शिवकोटिः शिवंकरः । शिवायनो विष्णुसेनो गुणभद्रो गुणाधिकः ॥  
अकलहो महामातुः सोमदेवो विद्वांसरः । प्रभाचन्द्रो नैमिचन्द्र इत्यादिमुनिसत्तमैः ॥  
यच्छास्त्रं रचितं नूनं तदेवादेवमम्यकैः । विश्वे रचितं नैव प्रमाणं साध्यपि स्फुटम् ॥

Citations from *Yasastilaka* are often found in later Jaina literature, e. g., in Padmaprabha's commentary on *Niyamasāra* (v. 101), Āśadhara's commentary on his *Anuṣāra-dharmāmrta* (2. 75, 9. 81, 98), Brahmadeva's commentary on Yogindudeva's *Paramātmmaprakāśa* (2. 15), and frequently in

1 Pt. Premi: *Jaina Sahitya aur Itihāsa*, p. 410.

2 On the quotations in the Commentary, see O. Stein's paper in the Ātmananda Centenary Commemoration Volume, Bhavangar 1936, pp. 150-57. A commentary on *Nītivākyāmrta* in Kannada by a Jaina author is known to exist. It was composed by Neminātha about the middle of the twelfth century A. D. See Pt. Premi (op. cit.), p. 80.

Śrutasaigara's commentary on the *Prābhīras* of Kundakunda.<sup>1</sup> The following verse of *Yasastilaka* (VIII. 34) is found with a slight variation in Śivakoṭi's *Ratnamālā*,<sup>2</sup> this writer being different from the ancient author of that name.

सर्वे यन् हि ज्ञेयानां प्रमाणं लौकिको विधिः । एतन्मन्त्रव्याख्यानं न न प्रसूयन् ॥

The following three verses are cited from *Yasastilaka* VI. 1 in Śubhacandra's *Jñānārṇava* (under 4. 27).

ज्ञानहीने किंवा दुःखि परं नास्मते कस्य । ततोऽप्येव किं कृत्वा कलजीर्णहृदिनिः ॥

ज्ञानं प्रज्ञौ किंवा चाप्ये निःशब्दे नार्थकृद्भवम् । ततो ज्ञानं किंवा अज्ञा ज्ञं तत्पदकारणम् ॥

हरे ज्ञानं किंवा ज्ञानं हता चाज्ञानिनः किंवा । चावच्छेदकको नष्टः पश्यन्ति च पशुकः ॥

It may be noted that the third verse does not belong to Somadeva, as it appears in his work as a quotation introduced by the phrase *uktam ca*. Another verse of Somadeva occurring in *Yasastilaka* VI. 21 is quoted in *Jñānārṇava* (under 6. 8): *uktam ca granthāntare*:

सूत्रमन्त्रं मन्त्रादौ तथानावतनानि च । अहो सङ्गाद्वचनेति दग्दोषाः पञ्चविंसतिः ॥<sup>3</sup>

Somadeva's verse

कर्ता न तावदिह कोऽपि विवेक्या वा रक्षोऽन्वया कटकुतावपि स प्रसंगः ।

कार्यं किमत्र सद्मादिषु तत्तत्कार्यैराहृत्य चेद् विमुच्यते पुनः करोति ॥ (*Yasastilaka* 2. 189)

is quoted anonymously in *Sarvadarsanasamgraha* in the chapter on Jaina philosophy. A verse occurring in *Yasastilaka* in the philosophical dialogue towards the end of Book V (p. 257) is quoted as follows in Anantavīrya's commentary on *Parikṣāmukhasūtra* (*Viśayasamuddeśa*): *tathā cōktam*

तद्दर्शनसन्नेहातो रक्षोऽन्वेनवस्तुतेः । मृतान्मन्त्रनाए सिद्धः प्रकृतिज्ञः सनात्मनः ॥ इति ।

Hiralal says in his *Catalogue of Sanskrit and Prakrit manuscripts in G. P. and Berar* (P. XXXII) that 'in the *Stotracaustayatikā* Vidyānanda makes frequent references to and quotations from *Dhyāna-paddhati* of Somadeva Sūri. This may be another work by our author.' It is, however, possible that this *Dhyāna-paddhati* is not an independent work; but may turn out to be the elaborate discourse on meditation (*Dhyānavidhi*) in *Yasastilaka* VIII. 39.

As a poet, Somadeva's contribution to Kāvya literature is substantial enough to justify his claim to be regarded as a worthy successor of Māgha. The poetry of *Yasastilaka* has been analysed elsewhere<sup>3</sup>, and it

1 *Saṣṭhīkādi-samgrahaḥ*, Māṇikacandra Digambara Jaina Granthamālā, 17.

2 Included in *Siddhāntasūtrādi-samgrahaḥ*, Ibidem 22.

3 It is uncertain whether the verses are actually quoted by the author of *Jñānārṇava* or merely occur in the manuscripts of the work. The *Jñānārṇava* is an original composition in fluent Sanskrit verse dealing with certain aspects of Jaina doctrine. A careful examination of the available manuscripts of the work will help to decide whether the quotations are genuine.

will be seen that Somadeva not only deals with the usual themes of Kāvya but adds to the rich fund of Sanskrit poetry by his treatment of topics not usually dealt with in Kāvya literature. He gives us vivid and intimate pictures of court life not found elsewhere, and their accuracy is apparently due to the fact that they are drawn from personal observation and experience. He depicts also other aspects of life, and among his most notable verses may be included those on child life, the cremation ground, and the goddess Candamāri. He is a sympathetic observer of animals, and some of his verses on animal life are among the best of their kind in Sanskrit literature. He has introduced Jaina religious themes into Kāvya poetry, and his verses on the Anuprekṣās are an important contribution to the literature on the subject. The use of Prākṛit metres in Sanskrit verse is also a noteworthy experiment; and Somadeva has in this connection made a lyrical effort which merits attention as being anterior to the composition of Jayadeva's *Gītagovinda*.

Perhaps the most interesting body of verse in *Yasastilaka* is that dealing with the vices and foibles of the ministers of kings, and the verses in question, varied and extensive as they are, constitute the first systematic attempt at political satire in Sanskrit poetry, and remind us of the satirical verse of Kṣemendra, who in his *Narmamālā* attacks the Kāyastha or the official caste of Kashmir. The later poet writes in a lighter vein, but his work is richer in concrete details, and covers a wider ground than the corresponding verses of Somadeva. The object of the latter is edification rather than entertainment, but from a historical point of view the observations of both the writers are important as throwing light on some of the abuses of the times. Somadeva may be said to have introduced in this respect a new theme in Sanskrit poetry, which was later developed with ampler details by Kṣemendra.

Somadeva is not a great inspired poet: he is sometimes artificial and suffers from verbosity and repetition of ideas. But his verse often throbs with the currents of contemporary life, and he ranks supreme among the Jaina Sanskrit poets who have adopted the *kāvya* style as a vehicle of expression. He has, besides, given effective expression to some of the noble teachings of Jainism in Sanskrit verse. The subject has been treated in another chapter, but we may cite here a notable verse which enshrines the idea of returning good for evil.

जहानमावादकुमाववाहा कुर्वीत चेत् कोऽपि जनः सकलम् ।  
तथापि सन्निः शिष्येव शिष्यं न मन्वमानेऽप्यहृते शिरे शि ॥

'Even if any one resorts to villainy from ignorance or evil motives, the good should think of doing only good. Nectar never becomes poison even when it is churned' (*Yasastilaka*, 1. 151).

This is, indeed, not a new idea in Indian literature; and we may cite, for instance, the ancient Buddhist dictum: Enmity is not calmed by enmity (*na vairaṇa vairāṇi sāmyante*).<sup>1</sup> Nevertheless it represents one of the cardinal teachings of Jainism, and the exhortation is in harmony with the love for all creatures inculcated elsewhere in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*.<sup>2</sup>

## CHAPTER II

### SYNOPSIS OF YASASTILAKA

#### Book I

In the Yaudheya country there was a beautiful city named Rājapura, adorned with magnificent temples and lofty mansions belonging to the wealthy. Here reigned Māradatta, son of Caṇḍamahāsena, a powerful Prince who surpassed in valour such kings of old as Nṛga, Nala, Nahuṣa, Bharata, Bhagīratha and Bhagadatta. Ascending the throne while still quite young, he embarked on a wild career of reckless adventure along with companions who had passions and traits of character similar to his own. Sometimes, putting on his armour, he would play with rogue elephants, 'who had broken their chains like lotus fibres, flung away the pegs like sprouts of Virāṇa grass, torn the ropes to pieces like branching creepers, and smashed the posts like reeds'. Sometimes he would pet vicious wild horses. Sometimes he would plunge into lakes and grapple crocodiles. Sometimes he would kill tigers with the force of his arms, and wander in the woods echoing with the uncanny screeching of owls in their mountain resort. Sometimes he would betake himself at night to cremation grounds, 'terrible with the sound of the loud drums in the hands of the female goblins', and engage in duels with powerful spirits and overthrow them in the encounter. But there was also a lighter side to his activities. Like a veritable god of love, he enjoyed the company of the women of different nationalities, to wit, Andhra, Cola, Kerala, Sindhala, Karpāṭa, Surāṣṭra, Kamboja, Pallava

1. *Mahāvastu*, Vol. I, p 132, etc.

2. 'सर्वत्रु हर्ष' Book VIII, section 36. For the verse in question See Chap. XI. The idea of returning good for evil was advocated by Lao-tzu in ancient China: it was disapproved and modified by the more practical Confucius. Soothill: *The Three Religions of China*, pp. 33, 205.

and Kalinga. Sometimes he dallied with young women in pleasure gardens, and, on other occasions, indulged in water-sports, surrounded by beautiful women, in artificial lakes, perfumed and abounding in flowers, with emerald floors, crystal embankments, golden steps and islets of pearls. Although reckless and self-willed, and addicted to wine, hunting, and courtesans, Māradatta was free from dangers and calamities, and considered himself akin to the gods.

One day a Tantric teacher named Virabhairava told him that he would obtain a miraculous sword with which he could conquer the realm of the Vidyādhara, if only creatures of all kinds were sacrificed in the temple of the goddess Caṇḍamārī in his capital, and if at the same time he killed with his own hands a couple of human beings possessing all auspicious physical characteristics. Hearing this, Māradatta summoned the entire population to the temple of the dread goddess under the pretext of celebrating the Mahānavamī festival, although it was not the proper season for it, and himself repaired to the shrine and ordered the guards to fetch the required couple of human beings for the purpose of sacrifice.

The temple of Caṇḍamārī was a horrid place, frequented by the terrible female spirits known as the Mahāyoginīs, and a crowd of fanatical votaries, engaged in outrageous forms of self-torture. Certain devotees were burning Guggula incense on their heads; some, extremely ferocious, were burning their arteries, like lights; while others, exceedingly bold, were trying to please Śiva by drinking their own blood. In one corner, Kāpālikas were selling for a price pieces of flesh cut off from their own bodies,<sup>1</sup> and at another place certain fanatics were worshipping the Mothers by swinging from their intestines, extracted with their own hands. Elsewhere certain grim men were offering their own flesh as an oblation in the sacred fire. Such was the temple of Caṇḍamārī, terrifying to Death himself.

Meanwhile, the Jaina sage Sudatta, famous for his austerities, and unaffected by the rigours of the winter and the summer and the monsoon, was approaching Rājapura with a large number of disciples. Avoiding the city in view of the impending slaughter, and turning to the east, he saw a beautiful pleasure garden where young men were disporting themselves with beautiful damsels, adorned with floral ornaments. But he said to himself thus:

महासम्मलितमिवीरतिकथाप्रारम्भमन्त्रोदयाः, कामं कामरसावतारविषयव्यापारपुष्पाकराः ।

मायः माससमाधिस्तुदमनसोऽप्येते प्रदेशाः क्षणात्, क्षणान्तरात्कृजो भवन्ति तदिह स्वाहुं न शुक्रं वदेः ॥ 1. 71.

1 See Chap. XIII.

"Such places, like the hours of moonrise, occasion gossip about the amours of the beautiful women of all the world. Like the spring, they provide free scope for mundane joys in which the sentiment of love prevails. Such places, as a rule, delude in a moment the heart even of one whose mind is purified by deep concentration. So it is not meant for an ascetic to remain here."

Going a few steps further, the sage saw a cremation ground with the funeral pyres fiercely burning; and the gruesome scene of desolation awakened diverse thoughts in his mind. He moved further away, and came to a hill not far from Rājapura. Here he fixed his camp and ordered the monks to beg for alms in the neighbouring villages.

Among the disciples of Sudatta were two young ascetics, a boy and a girl, brother and sister, named Abhayaruci and Abhayamati respectively, who, unlike the others, were directed to beg in the city. They were the twin children of Kusumāvalī, sister of Māradatta, and chief queen of Yeśomati, son of Yaśodhara Mahārāja, and had taken the monastic vow in early childhood and wandered with the sage Sudatta. On their way to the city they were encountered by the guards, who had been sent in quest of a couple of human victims for the impending sacrifice. Careful not to frighten the young persons, the guards told them in a friendly manner that a great teacher, who had been apprised of their arrival, was waiting to see them in the temple of Bhavānī. Their frightful appearance, however, betrayed their real purpose; and the boy and the girl, resigning themselves to their fate, followed them to the temple of the goddess.

The temple of Caṇḍamārī, which was known as Mahābhairava, presented a strange spectacle, being full of the victims of all kinds brought there for sacrifice, and held fast by armed guards resembling the attendants of Śiva. There could be seen sheep, buffaloes, camels, elephants and horses frightened by the half-brandished swords of the keepers. There were aquatic animals like crocodiles, alligators, frogs, crabs, tortoises, and Pāṭhina fish, all trembling with fear at the sight of the spirits waiting to drink their blood. The keepers were at pains to hold together the numerous birds, scared by the movements of the circular sacrificial blade, and the other victims such as antelopes, tigers, lions, wolves, boars and apes. The mass slaughter of the animals was to take place after the king had sacrificed the first victims.

The young ascetics saw before them the grim figure of Māradatta. Standing on the floor of the temple, with drawn sword, he looked like

a mountain in the middle of a river, with a serpent with raised hood on its slope. The king 'seemed to be aflame with his valour flaring up in his inner being, and burn everything with his angry look. He was extremely ferocious like a venomous serpent, and seemed to consume everything with the fury of his deportment. The aspect and character of the goddess were still more terrible.

दंष्ट्राकोटिमिहिरदिङ्गुलिकम्बाकोकविस्कारिवज्रभूजोदरवाचनीयजमुक्तस्यमिहोकीपतिः ।

काकादोष्यणकोचनानकमिकम्बालाकराकान्धुहृदिहपुरज्वरं विजयते यस्याः प्रचण्डं वज्रः ॥ 1. 186.

The young ascetics whose minds were bent on the highest beatitude were not in the least afraid of the danger before them, and never lost their balance and composure when ushered into the presence of the king in the grim setting of the temple of Caṇḍamārī. They encouraged each other to be firm and resolute, scorn death, and regard salvation as the highest object of human endeavour. Māradata's heart softened at the sight of the tender boy and the girl; and although he could not recognise them to be his own nephew and niece, he felt the kindly influence of their presence, and said to himself (p. 156):

"कथं नायैतर्षेनादाचान्तामृतमिव वृक्षं साक्षयबहलकाङ्क्षमपि मुहुः प्रशान्तं मे चेतः, चक्षुः पुनः कुलित-  
कीलितमिव कथं न विषयान्तरमवगाहते, चिरप्रवसितप्रणयिजनाबलेकनादिव कथमयमात्मा परमन्तर्मोदते, चित्तमपि चेदं  
निराभाचरितपरिचयलेव कथमतीवानन्दयुग्मम्, किं नु सख्यं तदेतज्ज स्यान्मम भागिनेयमलम्, आचक्यं चापरेषु रेव  
रेवतकनामप्रसिद्धात् कुलपुत्रादेतस्य बालकाल एवाश्चर्यायं तपश्चर्यापर्यायम्, भवन्ति हीमानीन्द्रियाण्यहृदपूर्वेण्यपि प्रियवनेषु  
प्रायेण प्रातस्तपनतेजासीव रणोल्बणवयांसि ।"

"How is it that, at the sight of these two, my heart, though heavily tainted by cruel thoughts, has become absolutely calm, as if it had partaken of nectar; and my eyes turn to no other object, as if because riveted upon them with the force of thunder? Why is my soul in an ecstasy of joy, as if at the sight of beloved friends who have been long abroad? Why is my heart steeped in joy, as if it were long familiar with them? Are they not possibly my own nephew and niece? Only the other day I heard from one of the elders of my family, Revataka by name, the amazing story of their religious austerities even in childhood. At the sight of beloved persons, though never seen before, the senses become suffused with youth in an ecstasy of love, like the rays of the morning sun."

Observing the change in the attitude of the king, a bard recited two verses and appealed to him to lay aside his sword.

नास्तस्मा रिपवो न चापि भवतः कमिसिद्धेसावस्तः श्रीरेवा तव देव या व्रजयित्री तस्यै व कोटीर्भवतिः ।

गाढं हृदिमिपीडयन्नमममोद्गान्तपाराजसं मुक्त्वाहवकेलियोत्सहचरिं तत्कद्रवर्हि मवाद् ॥ 1. 148.

'No enemies are near at hand; none transgresses thy command. Sire, the goddess of prosperity is devoted to thee, and no one is jealous



of her. Do thou therefore discard thy sword, the companion of thy arm in the sport of war: its blade doth emit its lustre under the pressure of thy powerful grip!"

Māradatta listened to the verses recited by the bard, and laid down his sword at the feet of the goddess. Then imposing silence on the noisy crowd of spectators with his raised hand, he offered a seat to the ascetic boy and the girl, who now recited, one after the other, a series of panegyrics in honour of the king in the conventional style of court poetry.

The purpose of the ascetic boy was to convert the king to the Jaina faith; but he thought it advisable to proceed slowly and cautiously in the matter, and reflected within himself (p. 176):

“रजस्तयोबहुलेषु च प्राणिषु प्रथमतरेव धर्मोपदेशः करोति महतीं शिरःशूलव्यथाम्, भवति चावधीरणाव  
बलुः, तदेनमभ्यस्तारसप्रसरैरेव बन्धोभिरुहासयामि, नयवेदिनो हि वनगज इव स्वादुकफलप्रलोभनमविदिततरुवे पुंसि  
छन्दानुवर्तनमपि भवत्यायत्यामभिमतवाप्तये ।”

“Preaching of religion at the very outset to persons, dominated by passion and ignorance, only gives them a severe headache, and brings the speaker into contempt. So I will cheer him with words enlivened by such sentiments as are familiar to him. A sagacious person ultimately obtains the desired result with regard to one who is ignorant of the truth, even by humouring him, just as one subdues a wild elephant by alluring him with delicious fruits.”

The ascetic boy, followed by his companion, again praised the king in a series of lyrical verses; and the latter now questioned them about their native place and origin. The boy promised to satisfy the king's curiosity and addressed to him a benedictory verse.

### Book II

The ascetic boy Abhayaruci, addressing Māradatta, now begins the story of his previous births, an autobiographical record, which incidentally throws interesting light on medieval court life in India.

There is a prosperous country named Avanti, hospitable with its fruit-trees, lotus-pools and vernal bowers.

मार्गोपास्तवनपुमावलिदुष्कावापनीतातपाः पूर्णाम्बुसरोऽवतीर्णपवनम्वाप्तदेहभ्रमाः ।

पुष्पैर्मन्दबुधः फलैर्भृशविश्रान्तेः कुलकीटनाः पान्था यत्र वहन्ति केलिकमलम्बालोकाहारमिवः ॥ 2. 12.

“There the travellers wear beautiful unsteady wreaths of toy-lotus blossoms, and are protected from the sun by the shade of the leaves of the woodland trees alongside the roads. Their fatigue is removed by the breezes coming from the neighbouring pools of water, full to the



brim; and delighted with the flowers, and contented with the fruits, they indulge in sports in the waters."

In that country was the famous city of Ujjayinī where reigned a great king named Yaśorgha. "The Mandara mountain gave him the quality of firmness, the ocean gave him depth, the god of love gave him beauty, Brhaspati gave him mastery of traditional lore, the Kalpa tree made him accessible to suppliants, the Earth gave him the virtue of forbearance, and the sky gave him dignity. The goddess of speech gave him eloquence, the goddess of wealth gave him success in the art of commanding, the Cintāmaṇi gem gave him intellectual power, and the family goddess gave him physical fitness, while the god of death gave him the power of bringing all men under his control. In this way, other deities, too, such as Varuṇa and Kubera, gave him their essential qualities, like ancestral wealth (p. 218)."

Candramati was the consort of Yaśorgha, and is no other than the ascetic girl Abhayamati in her present birth. Yaśodhara was the son of Yaśorgha and Candramati, and is no other than the ascetic boy himself in his present birth.<sup>1</sup> One day king Yaśorgha happened to see a growth of grey hair on his head, and immediately his thoughts turned to renunciation of worldly ties; and he revolved in his mind the twelve topics of meditation prescribed by the Jaina faith, commonly known as the Anuprekṣās. Thereafter the king gave orders for the marriage and coronation of his son Yaśodhara, and himself renounced the world and took the monastic vow under the direction of a learned sage named Saṃyamadhara. Pratāpavardhana, the chief of the army, with the help of an architect, made the requisite preparations for the coronation. A branch city with spacious avenues was built on the bank of the Siprā as well as a bejewelled pavilion, protected from the sun by beautiful curtains, and equipped with numerous gates, towers, altars and apartments. Round about were the camps of the princes who had come to witness the festival.

The selection of a suitable elephant and a horse for the new king was the next important item preliminary to the coronation. Under instructions from Pratāpavardhana, a committee of experts selected an elephant named Udayagiri from among those sent by the king of Kalinga as part of his annual tribute, and the chief keeper of the royal elephants communicated to Yaśodhara the findings of the experts, an elaborate report

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1 What follows may be termed the STORY OF YAŚODHARA. Throughout the narrative Abhayaruci identifies himself with Yaśodhara and speaks in the first person. YASASTILAKA is another name of Abhayaruci.

on the characteristics of the chosen animal, full of technical details. Meanwhile, a bard named Karikalabha recited a number of verses in praise of elephants. Similarly, a notable white charger of Kamboja was selected by another committee of experts, whose report was likewise communicated to the Prince by the keeper of the royal stable, Śālihotra, after which a bard named Vājivinodamakaranda recited some verses in praise of horses.

The astrologers then reported to Yaśodhara that the coronation might follow the marriage rites, or the marriage rites the coronation, or if the time was favourable, both the functions might take place together; just as an idol could be installed after the building of a temple, or a temple built after the installation of an idol, or if one's resources permitted, the building and the installation could proceed together. The astrologers described in detail the time and hour technically favourable for both the coronation and the marriage rites.

Yaśodhara proceeded to the coronation pavilion where gold and silver pitchers, various herbs and Kuśa blades, and water from ocean-going rivers were kept ready. The royal throne, the white umbrella, and the fly-whisks added to the beauty of the structure, and the arms and the family treasures were carefully arranged near the idol of the tutelary goddess. Auspicious utterances were made by gay women, and crowds kept at a distance by trustworthy officers. Here, to the accompaniment of music, the sacred water was poured over Yaśodhara by a bevy of courtesans, while a bard named Jalakelivilāsa recited verses celebrating the ceremonial bath.

The ceremonial bath was followed by the marriage rites. Attended by the family priest, Yaśodhara worshipped the blazing Fire with butter mixed with curds, and curds mixed with boiled milk, while other priests offered oblations in the fire and uttered blessings with appropriate formulas. The marriage of Yaśodhara and Amṛtamati was celebrated in prose and verse by the bard Manojakuñjara.

Next came the ceremony of coronation, of which the principal feature was the presentation of the royal insignia to the prince, while relevant verses were uttered by the bards. The white umbrella was presented first, and Yaśodhara was asked to ascend the throne. Then followed the presentation of the royal turban and the sword.

After the coronation, Yaśodhara and his bride mounted the elephant Udayagiri, and the royal procession started from the bank of the Siprā on its way to the capital. Trustworthy followers, equipped with armour, and others armed with swords guarded the king, while

attendants, wielding various weapons, cleared the road and removed inauspicious persons such as women in periods, eunuchs, men with deformities, Cāṇḍālas and the like. The elders recited congratulatory verses, and women sang to the flute and the lyre. The neighing of horses and the trumpeting of elephants mingled with the sound of drums.

The procession passed through the streets of the decorated city, the terraces and windows of the buildings being crowded with women eager to have a look at the royal pair. Meanwhile, in the palace, the aged lady superintendents of the royal household were stirring up the maids and attendants with admonitions and directions preparatory to the reception of the king. The frivolous maid Vasantikā was, for instance, asked to have done with the gamblers and make garlands of Bakula buds. Lavaṅgī was ordered not to join her playmates, but to get busy in making 'ornamental designs on the floor' (*raṅgavallī*).<sup>1</sup> Madanā was asked if she was sleeping even at that hour, and told to make preparations for the ceremonial waving of lights. Kuraṅgī was ordered to prepare cosmetics, and Mālatī to decorate the throne; while Kalahamsī was urged to get the betel-stand ready, and Madhukarī the flywhisks. The eunuch was advised to step aside, the Kirāta to remain indoors, the hunchback to do auspicious acts, the dwarf to indulge in sports, and the chamberlain to set about his business in right earnest; and even the tame birds were asked to put forth joyous notes. On arrival at the palace, bedecked with white flags, the king was welcomed by the bard Kirtisāhāra with a poetical description of the noble edifice.

### Book III

The narrative continues in the form of an autobiographical record and describes Yaśodhara's life as a king; but it is by no means a continuous account, being rather a series of episodes incidental to the routine of a medieval court. They are here enumerated in the order in which they occur in text.

a) Yaśodhara is awakened from sleep by bards reciting verses descriptive of the morning scenery, after which the king goes to his durbar to dispense justice with the help of learned and impartial judges, while erudite scholars expound the law-books.

1 Called also *raṅgāvalī* and *raṅgarekhā*, and made with coloured powder, also with camphor dust, and even with pulverized pearls and gems. Cf. जनस्यकर्तृपरमपरिक्लिप्त-  
रत्नमलिविधानम् Book III; रत्न(ग)मलिन्याम् Book IV; मण्डपान्तो मद्यमुत्पादयन्तोदरजावलीभिः प्राङ्गणानि  
Nalacampā Book VI; कृषितकर्तृरत्नरेखाभिः.....विनोदमण्डपे Ibid. Book VII; मुक्ताफरवित-  
तरत्नम्बरद्वारेक्षारविजिताभिरम् Ibid.

b) The relative merits of fate and personal endeavour form the subject of an academical discussion in the council-chamber, in which the ministers maintain different points-of-view, and the deliberation ends with a discourse on the principles which ought to govern the relations of a king with other kings.

c) An arrogant message in verse summoning rival princes to accept the suzerainty of Yaśodhara is read out to the envoy in charge of the mission by the royal clerk under the king's direction.

d) The chief of the secret police reports to Yaśodhara that the spy Śaṅkhanaka has returned after gathering information about various people in the country and abroad. Yaśodhara summons the spy to his presence and spends some time, jesting with him. Questioned by the king about the absence of his former corpulence, Śaṅkhanaka replies that poor men like himself can hardly expect to have protuberant bellies. It is, of course, otherwise with men like Yaśodhara and the idle rich, who daily gorge themselves with luxurious food, such as rice white and clear like the glances of beautiful women; broths of the colour gold; butter fragrant as the mouth of a beloved woman; curries charming as the graceful movements of nautch girls; well-cooked dishes, savoury like a beloved woman's lips; curds well-shaped and hard like the breasts of a young woman; milk sweet as the glances of one's beloved; sugared preparations of milk-rice, delicious as the first union with a newly-married bride; and water perfumed with camphor, refreshing as the mysteries of love!

Addressed by the king as 'the lord of the rams,' and asked whether he has had anything to eat, Śaṅkhanaka replies that he has been in a way entertained by a miserly, penniless and greedy fellow named Kiliṅjaka, the righthand man of the Chief of the Secret Agents, Viśvāvasu, a native of the Deccan. The meal consisted of boiled rice grown stale, and full of husk and gravel; some rotten beans; a few drops of rancid Atasi oil; slices of half-cooked gourds and certain badly cooked vegetables as well as some raw fruits and overburnt brinjals thrown in. The meal ended with sour gruel mixed with plenty of mustards, and the beverage was some alkaline fluid with a taste like that of the water of a salt-mine. Śaṅkhanaka pitifully relates that he could eat nothing and remained hungry; and his only subsistence was a quantity of boiled Śyāmāka rice mixed with whey, which the miser's wife had the goodness to serve, unseen by her husband.

Yaśodhara once asked the spy for particulars about a minister named Pamarodāra, entrusted with the administration of a province, and famous for his piety, wisdom and spotless character. This brings us to what may be termed a detailed report of the spy on the doings of the minister.

Śaṅkhanaka promises to speak the truth, but warns the king that what he is going to relate will to some extent put a slur upon him as well. It is the master's fault if his servants do as they like through a sense of their own power and influence.

The spy goes on to quote a large number of verses on the evil ways of ministers, composed by various poets by way of criticizing the king's failure to investigate the misdeeds of Pāmarodāra. The verses are mostly general in character, but a few directly attack the offending minister.

Śaṅkhanaka gives an idea of Pāmarodāra's administration by saying that the latter demands unpaid labour when the people are busy sowing, and collects taxes before the corn is ripe, while the harvest is spoilt by the unlicensed movements of the soldiery.

The revelation of the spy is a rude shock to Yaśodhara who is unwilling to believe his allegations, but Śaṅkhanaka replies that, in all matters beyond the range of direct perception, a king must depend upon spies as well as his own judgment, as if they were his eyes. He quotes a verse to the effect that when a king does not employ spies nor exercise his own judgment, his kingdom is at the mercy of his ministers, just as the milk belonging to a blind man becomes the prey of cats.

The low origin of Pāmarodāra is described as the cause of his overweening pride. His father was an oilman and mother a low-born woman, while his wife has had five husbands! The respect shown to such a man on account of his rank was bound to make him proud and overbearing. The spy then illustrates by various examples the danger to kings from elevating low-born persons to high positions in the state.

Describing Pāmarodāra as a monster of corruption, to wit, bribery and extortion, the spy tells Yaśodhara that the minister, after cheating him, as he did the former kings, will one day go over to some other king, like a trumpeter who serves any one employing him:

अपि स्वामतिवाक्यैश्च वधातीतान् महीपतीन् । दूरीवान्वाञ्जयस्त्वापी कञ्जालुञ्जानिशाचरः ॥ 3. 185.

Pāmarodāra's 'valour' is next described. He is brave and valiant in the presence of merchants, physicians, the weak and the deformed, but, like an ape, maintains a discreet silence in the presence of warriors and desperadoes:

वयिञ्चि च निवञ्चि च क्षूरः क्षौण्डीरो दुर्बले च निक्ले च । कपिरिव निभृतसिद्धति रणक्षौणे चण्डदण्डे च ॥ 3. 190.

Speaking of the origin of villains, Śaṅkhanaka relates that, in days of yore, there came into being fourteen, or rather eighteen, groups of them. He declares that the king's minister combines in himself the vices of all the categories of villains enumerated by him.

After quoting some verses attributed to different poets, and containing reflections on Pāmarodāra's character, the spy represents him as an enemy of religion. He misappropriates money donated for the worship of the gods, and breaks or melts down valuable idols and replaces them by others of lesser value. Sometimes he would sell an idol, and, with the proceeds, celebrate a religious festival. It is also his habit to rob people by employing the methods of *thugs*, and give the money to worthy Brāhmanas. Besides, he confiscates villages and property endowed for the purpose of maintaining the worship of the gods<sup>1</sup>:

देवप्रविणादाता देवप्रोहाण देवनिर्माता । अहह खरः सखु संग्रति जर्मपरः पामरोदारः ॥ 3. 227.

बिक्रीय देवं विद्वाति यात्रां तद्गलनादेव परांश्च देवान् ।

प्रमुष्य कोकं टकवृत्तिभावैर्वदाति दानं द्विजपुंगवेभ्यः ॥ 3. 235.

अग्रहारग्रहः साक्षादेवभोगमुजंगमः । शिष्टविष्टपसंहारप्रलयानलमानसः ॥ 3. 236.

Crime and irreligion play their part in a more serious charge brought against the minister. The latter had employed five Cāṇḍālas, knowing them to be such, in his household for cooking and drawing water; but this violation of the caste-rules gave rise to a scandal, and one night he murdered them all while they were fast asleep. When it was suggested by some distinguished person that he should perform purificatory rites to expiate the crime, he ridiculed the idea by putting forward heterodox opinions, commonly associated with the Cārvākas:

रविरदिमरजपावकमाहेयीवायवोऽन्त्यैः स्पृष्टाः । न हि दुष्टासाहस्रदहं प्रकृतिमुचिर्मांलमप्येऽपि ॥

आत्मा स्वभावशुद्धः कायः पुनरशुचिरेव न निस्सर्गात् । प्रायश्चित्तविधानं कस्येति विविन्व्यतां जगति ॥

वर्णाश्रमजातिकुलस्थितिरेषा देव संवृतिर्नाम्बा । परमार्थतश्च नृपते को विप्रः कश्च चाण्डालः ॥ 3. 232-4

"The rays of sun, jewels, fire, cows and air are not polluted when touched by Cāṇḍālas. Similarly, being pure by nature, I could not be contaminated even in the midst of Cāṇḍālas. The soul is pure by nature, while the body is naturally impure. Think over the matter. To whom, in the world, does the process of purification apply? Sire, the regulation of castes and orders of society and birth and family is a matter of convention and nothing more. In reality, O king, there is neither Brāhmaṇa nor Cāṇḍāla."

Further charges against Pāmarodāra are contained in a verse which describes the harm done by the minister to certain scholars and poets. He destroyed the livelihood of a scholar named Tridaśa, and caused financial loss to (the poet) Kohala. He insulted the poet Gaṇapati, and brought about the ruin of (the scholar) Śaṅkara. He outraged the religious

<sup>1</sup> See Chap. V.

susceptibilities of the scholar Kumuda, and compelled (the poet) Kekati to leave the country.

The spy concludes by saying that the religious merit of a king and the joy and happiness of his friends and servants depend upon the removal of wicked ministers; but we are left in the dark about what steps, if any, were taken against Pāmarodāra.

e) Yaśodhara reviews his army on the eve of an expedition, and the different regiments recruited from various parts of India are described to him by the military commanders.<sup>1</sup>

f) The Sandhivigrahins or Secretaries for peace and war announce in verse the arrival of the envoys of various monarchs at the court of Yaśodhara. g) Utterances of the court jester. h) Yaśodhara discusses Arthasāstra verses. i) Yaśodhara says that he sometimes witnessed exhibitions of dances in dancing halls in the company of connoisseurs of the art. We have in this connection a hymn to Sarasvatī forming part of the Pūrvaraṅga ceremony. j) Yaśodhara wounds the vanity of a tactless and self-conceited poet. k) Yaśodhara takes part in philosophical discussions. l) Stick in hand, Yaśodhara trains elephants; and while in training, the animal is addressed in prose and verse, the elaborate prose invocations ending with the words *he he hala divyasāmaja mātrāsataṁ tistha tistha*. The following is one of the verses containing the instructions of the trainer (3.282):

गात्रैस्त्रिह सनैः पुरोनखसमं हस्तं निधेहि क्षितौ दृष्टिं देहि कराग्रतः स्थिरमनाः कर्णौ गजाश्लेषय ।

बालं धारय वत्स यावद्विरात्मौन्यामहं कल्पये मात्राणां शतमास्त्व तावद्वलस्त्वं योगिकल्पाकृतिः ॥

"Stand with thy limbs in equipoise. Place the trunk on the ground on a level with the claws. Fix thy look on the tip of the trunk. Tusker, hold thy ears motionless, with a steady mind. Move not the tail. Child, keep still, like a sage in meditation, for a space of time equal to a hundred *mātrās*, while I quickly devise (another) posture (for thee)."

m) Yaśodhara reports that once during an inspection of different categories of elephants, a military commander enumerated to him the various states of intoxication in which rutting elephants are found. It was also his custom to witness the sports of elephants from a special pavilion in the race-course, accompanied by experts conversant with the different methods of treating elephants during their period of frenzy. On such occasions keepers used to delight him by reciting verses in praise of the animals. Sometimes, again, he supervised the process of armouring the tusks of his war-elephants with protective sheaths of iron. n) Yaśodhara listens to a lecture on health and dietetics.

<sup>1</sup> See Chap. IV.



e) Yaśodhara says that he passed the hours of noon in the hot summer days in amorous sports in his garden called Madanamadavinoda 'The Frenzied gaiety of love', and indulged in water-sports with his mistresses in the Hall of Mechanical Showers (*yantradhārāgrha*), 'cooler than the Himālayas'. We find here 'watery beds' on the raised floor of pavilions erected on islets on the surface of pools for water-sports; vessels of gold, gems and silver containing scented water; ground lotus-beds watered by showers from 'mechanical clouds'; streams of water gushing from the mouths of the statues of various wild animals; currents of water issuing from the holes of artificial lotus-stalks made of moonstones; sprays emitted by the trunks of artificial elephants; fountains rising from the mouths of artificial alligators; and water let loose from the mouths of artificial monkeys placed in creepery recesses. What seems to be a statuary group represents water-deities quarrelling in the course of their water-sports, the sage Nārada dancing in joy at the sight, and the Seven Sages hurrying to the scene, the figures of the latter spouting a copious flood of water. We see also handfuls of water thrown up by the statues of nymphs, seated on the trunks of artificially made Celestial Trees, while water for bath comes pouring from the bosoms of mechanical 'cloud-puppets'. Another mechanical device is the decorated figure of a woman, which discharges streams of liquid sandal when pressed on different parts of the body (3. 375):

इत्थे स्तुष्टा नखान्तैः कुचकलशतटे चूचुकप्रक्रमेण वक्त्रे नेत्रान्तराभ्यां शिरसि कुवलयेनावतंसार्पितेन ।

श्रोण्यां कान्तीगुणार्धैस्त्रिवलिषु च पुनर्नाभिरन्ध्रेण वीरा यन्मन्त्री यत्र चित्रं विकिरति क्षिशिराक्षन्दनसम्बधाराः ॥

p) Once in the rainy season, while Yaśodhara was enjoying the beauty of the clouds from a palace on the slope of a pleasure hill, accompanied by his tributaries and warriors, the Sandhivigrahin ushered into his presence an envoy and a messenger from the court of Acala, the king of Pañcāla, with symbolic presents conveying a threat of war. This causes considerable excitement and commotion in the court of Yaśodhara, and ultimately a letter is sent to the king of Pañcāla, demanding submission.<sup>1</sup> q) At the advent of autumn, war is declared against the king of Pañcāla, and an expedition sent against him under the command of Vijayavardhana. Winter comes, and at the dead of night a spy arrives to announce to Yaśodhara the victory of his commander-in-chief and the defeat of Acala.

r) Spring arrives, and Yaśodhara participates in the festivities of the season. While the bards recite verses describing the glory of the spring and the vernal attire of the king and the gaily decorated swings in the royal household, Yaśodhara worships the god of love and celebrates the festival in his honour.

1) See Chap. V.



s) The spring festivities are followed by the Mahānavamī in the course of which the goddess Aparājita is worshipped. Then comes the Festival of Light (*dipotsava*). After this, Yaśodhara practises archery, while a bard recites verses in praise of his skill in shooting with bow and arrows. t) Moonrise and the gaiety of love.

#### Book IV

Yaśodhara now turns to his domestic affairs, and relates an episode of his married life, which is the pivotal point of the story.

One evening Yaśodhara visited his consort Amṛtamati to pass the night with her in her apartments on the top floor of a seven-storied palace. About midnight the king, who was not quite asleep, noticed that the queen slipped away from his bed, and, furtively looking at him, discarded her ornaments, and, putting on the clothes of her maid, quickly went out of the chamber. The king's suspicion was aroused, and he at once followed her close on her heels, and saw her entering the hut of an elephant-driver named Aṣṭavaṅka, an ugly cripple, who was fast asleep in a miserable bed, resting his head on a pile of ropes. Amṛtamati sat down near him, and took hold of his hands, but he was furious at her delay in coming to him, and, dragging her by the hair with the left hand, gave her blows with the other. The queen was profuse in her apologies and confession of love, and swore by the goddess Kātyāyanī that she was thinking only of him even when in the company of Yaśodhara. The latter was observing the scene unseen, and was about to draw his sword to strike the guilty pair, but restrained himself, thinking of the resulting scandal and the grief the young prince Yaśomati would feel at the death of his mother. Yaśodhara then returned to the palace; and Amṛtamati, too, stealthily came and quietly lay down beside him as if nothing had happened.

Yaśodhara could hardly sleep, and was filled with anguish and disgust, and felt abhorrence not only for Amṛtamati but for women in general. He was puzzled at the queen's strange infatuation with a low-born elephant-driver, but remembered that the cripple was an expert singer, reputed to be able to make even withered trees put forth new shoots with the melody of his voice, and that songs had a ravishing effect upon women who were apt to be bewitched by a singer, however wretched or ugly he might be.

Yaśodhara continued to reflect on the conduct of Amṛtamati, and the more he brooded over it, the greater became his disgust for women and worldly pleasures; and he made up his mind to renounce the world, leaving the throne to his son Yaśomati. Next morning he appeared in court, and was there joined by his mother Candramati. A bard recited

some verses which seemed to reflect the king's own thoughts at the moment (p. 84):

त्वं मन्दिरद्वयिणदारसद्गुहाद्यैस्तुष्णातमोभिरनुबन्धिभिरस्तुब्धिः ।

क्षिप्तास्वहर्षिसमिधं न तु विच वेत्सि दण्डं वमस्य निपतन्तमकाण्ड एव ॥

'Deluded by the ever-recurring darkness of desires such as those relating to home, wealth, wife and children, thou dost suffer day and night, o mind, but reckest not of the suddenly arriving scourge of Death!'

The bard recited another verse on the futility of trying to keep women under control; and it seemed to Yaśodhara as if the bard had come to know of the events of the previous night. Candramati also noticed the change in her son's demeanour, and had misgivings about his relations with Amṛtamati, who, she thought, had been given much more freedom than was good for a woman. She remembered also that a maid-servant had reported to her that her daughter-in-law was in the habit of casting affectionate glances at the elephant-driver. Nevertheless she asked Yaśodhara the reason of his dejection and restlessness, but he told her a concocted story about having seen a dream, in which he appeared to renounce the world and retire to the woods, after having put Prince Yaśomati on the throne. Candramati advised her son not to have any faith in dreams, and told him the story of the teacher, who had dreamt of his school as being full of sweetmeat balls, and, relying on his dream, invited the king to a luxurious repast! She further related that the maid-servant Vasantikā had just reported to her that in a dream seen by her she had turned into rice gruel, and was being eaten up by the Brāhmins invited to the *śrāddha* of her deceased mother! After thus demonstrating the fantastic character of dreams, Candramati suggested that, if Yaśodhara was really apprehensive of having seen an evil dream, he should seek a remedy by sacrificing all kinds of animals to the tutelary goddess, and perform the customary rites to counteract the evil.

Yaśodhara was shocked at the idea of sacrificing animals, and his heart revolted against the use of animal flesh in the worship of the gods. As he made no attempt to conceal his feeling of revulsion at the course of action suggested by his mother, the latter attributed his heterodox leanings to the insidious influence of the Jainas, and accused the courtiers of disloyalty and corruption for allowing her simple-minded son to associate with the Digambaras, who, like magicians, were so skilled in deluding the world! An animated discussion ensued between mother and son on such controversial topics as animal sacrifice and various other Brāhmanical tenets and practices, which were subjected to adverse criticism by Yaśodhara. While Candramati exhorted the latter to worship Śiva or Viṣṇu or the sun,

he picked holes in the Brāhmanical religion, and sought to establish the antiquity and prestige of the Jaina faith by citing various texts in support of his thesis.

Candramati felt herself to be worsted in the argument, and ultimately persuaded Yaśodhara in the name of filial piety to accept a compromise, whereby he would sacrifice to the tutelary goddess a cock made out of flour, and partake of the offering, imagining it to be flesh. While orders were given to make such a cock and decorate the temple of the goddess, Amṛtamati came to know of the happenings at the court, and at once realised that the story of the dream was only a feint, and that she had been detected in her escapade of the previous night. She decided to act quickly, and made up her mind to strike Yaśodhara before he could strike her. Accordingly, she sent to him the minister Gaviṣṭhira with a message, declaring her willingness to sacrifice herself before the goddess in order to counteract the evil effect of the king's dream and ensure his safety. Furthermore, she begged that should the king decide to renounce the world, she might be permitted to accompany him to the woods, like the devoted wives of old, such as Sitā, Draupadī, Arundhatī and others. Meanwhile, she invited Yaśodhara and his mother to a banquet in her house after the worship of the goddess was over. Yaśodhara accepted the invitation and sent back the queen's minister.

The treachery and hypocrisy of Amṛtamati served only to deepen Yaśodhara's hatred of her, but still he decided to abide by his promise to eat in her house. Meanwhile, the sound of music accompanying the dance of courtesans in the streets announced to the citizens that Candramati and her retinue were on their way to the temple of Caṇḍikā, and Yaśodhara also started for the same place on the back of an elephant amidst a host of evil omens. Arriving at the temple, he severed the head of the cock made out of dough with a knife, according to the instructions of the priests, praying to the goddess that the offering might produce for him the same results as the actual killing of animals in sacrifices. He then sent the dough, from which the cock was fashioned, to the kitchen, as if it were the flesh of a real cock.

Next day, Yaśodhara, accompanied by his mother, son and daughter-in-law, dined in Amṛtamati's house. But she had mixed the food served out to her husband and mother-in-law with poison, which at once took effect and imperilled their lives. Physicians were sent for, and the inmates went about looking for medicine. Meanwhile, Amṛtamati cried aloud, and feigning to droop on Yaśodhara's bosom, strangled him to death. The mother also died.

## Book V

The ascetic boy describes the rebirths of Yaśodhara and his mother Candramati after their tragic death.

a) Yaśodhara was reborn in a family of peacocks inhabiting a large tree in a well-watered valley to the north-east of the Suvela mountain. There he was caught by a hunter and presented to Yaśomati, who had ascended the throne after Yaśodhara's death. The peacock miraculously remembered the events of his former birth, and recognised the old scenes and associates as soon as he entered the city of Ujjayinī and saw the royal palace :

सैवेयं वगरी तदेव भवनं ता एव केलीचराः सैवेवा वनम्: स एव सरसीसारे विलासाचलः ।

सैवासौ बलिता स एव तवयसो वैव मे बान्धवाभिर्य केवकसेक एव हि कथं जातेऽहमन्धाकृतिः ॥

Meanwhile, Candramati was reborn as a dog in a cowherd settlement in Karahāṭa, a country lying to the south of the Vindhya mountain. It so happened that the dog was also presented by the owner to the king, who was glad to receive so fine an animal for his hunting excursions.

One day the peacock wandered to the seventh floor of the royal palace, and discovered Amṛtamati dallying with her paramour, the cripple. The peacock became mad with rage and attacked the pair with his beak, wings and throat. The serving maids saw this, and raising a hue and cry, struck the bird with whatever they found ready to hand, caskets, canes, fans and shoes. The dog, too, came and rushed upon the bird and killed him. The king, who was playing a game of dice nearby, saw the dog attacking the peacock, and dealt a blow at the animal with the board, killing him outright.

b) In the next birth Yaśodhara became a stag and Candramati a serpent. On the very day of his birth, the former developed a taste for snake's flesh, and discovered the serpent while digging up ant-hills with his horns. He at once started to devour the reptile, but the hoarse sound emanating from his throat, gorged with snake's flesh, awakened a hyena asleep in a neighbouring grove of Kadamba trees, and the stag in his turn became the hyena's prey.

c) Yaśodhara was then reborn as a huge fish and Candramati as a crocodile in the Siprā. One day, during the water-sports of the women of Ujjayinī in the river, a maid of the royal household was seized by the crocodile, and Yaśomati, in anger, ordered the fishermen to destroy all dangerous animals in the river. They at once got into all kinds of fishing craft; and in the course of the operation, the crocodile was pierced in the throat by a spear, and the fish, too, caught in a net. Both of them

were brought ashore, and ordered by the king to be made over to the cook of a hospice for Brāhmins. Everyday slices from their bodies were cooked and served to the inmates until they both expired after prolonged sufferings.

d) After this, Yaśodhara and Candramati were reborn as a pair of goats in a herd of sheep in the village of Kaṅkāhi, near Ujjayinī. One day, while the male goat (Yaśodhara) was covering the female, the herd got scared, and the leader of the rams attacked the billy-goat with his horns. The goat died, but was reborn in the womb of the she-goat. One day Yaśomati came there on a hunting expedition, accompanied by a large number of hunters; but unable to kill any game in the woods, he returned, angry and disgruntled, and while passing through the herd, hit the she-goat (Candramati) with an arrow, ripped open her belly, and found the kid in the womb.

The young goat was entrusted to the care of the chief cook, and passed a few months in the royal kitchen. There he saw Amṛtamati teaching the cooks how to roast meat, but she had been stricken with leprosy in consequence of her sins, and her loathsome body emitted so foul a smell that the attendants had to go about, covering their noses. Besides, the maids used to point at her mockingly, and tell passers-by how she had administered poison to her husband, the great and good Yaśodhara.

Meanwhile, the she-goat, after her death, was reborn as a buffalo in Kalinga. Purchased by the owner of a caravan, the animal came in course of time to Ujjayinī, and used to swim in the Siprā. One day he happened to meet Yaśomati's horse, and immediately made a murderous attack on the latter, owing to the innate mutual hostility of the two species of animals. As a punishment, the buffalo was tortured to death under the orders of the king. The young goat, too, was killed for the table of Amṛtamati who was inordinately fond of meat.

e) Yaśodhara and his mother Candramati were next reborn as a cock and a hen, but there is a prelude to the story.

A sage named Manmathamathana was engaged in deep meditation on the Vijayārdha mountain. A Vidyādhara named Kandalavilāsa, who was going over the mountain in his aerial car, was ashamed to find that the motion of the vehicle was checked by the mystic force of the sage. By way of retaliation, the Vidyādhara decided to exercise his own magical powers to interrupt the meditation of the sage, and conjured up a scene of terror, by producing torrential rain, hail-stones and hurricanes, and a crowd of goblins, decked with serpents. Ratnaśikhandin, the king of the Vidyādharas, who was coming to worship the sage, was enraged to

see the evil action of Kandalavilāsa, and cursed him, saying that as a result of his offence he would become a hangman in the city of Ujjayinī. Implored by the Vidyādhara for mercy, Ratnaśikhaṇḍin decreed that he would regain his former state and powers, if he ever had an opportunity of meeting the great sage Sudatta, and received religious instruction from him. Incidentally, the king of the Vidyādhara related that Sudatta was once the mighty king of Kalinga. One day a thief was produced before his court and accused of having murdered and robbed a barber in his sleep. The judges, consulted by the king, opined that the culprit should be subjected to various kinds of torture and maltreatment in such a way that he might expire in ten to twelve days. Hearing this verdict, Sudatta pondered over the dilemma of kings: if they served the cruel ends of justice, they were bound to incur sin; if they did not, there would be social disorder and imputation of cowardice. Failing to solve the problem of reconciling justice with mercy, Sudatta renounced his kingdom and became a Jaina monk.

In due course the Vidyādhara appeared in the role of a hangman in Ujjayinī, and Yaśodhara and Candramati were reborn as a cock and a hen in a Caṇḍāla settlement in the vicinity of the city. One day the hangman who was known as Caṇḍakarman, happened to see the birds in the hands of a Caṇḍāla boy, acquired them from him, and took them to Yaśomati. The latter was about to start for the garden of the Temple of the Thousand Spires, accompanied by a large retinue composed of boon companions and women of the harem, for the purpose of celebrating the worship of Makaradhvaja, the god of love. The king asked Caṇḍakarman to take the birds to the scene of the festival and give an exhibition of cock-fighting.

The temple garden was full of orange-coloured tents and rows of pavilions erected for the festival. Caṇḍakarman went there with the birds in a cage, accompanied by the augur Āsuri, a Bhāgavata; the astrologer Dhūmadhvaja, a Brāhmaṇa; the Śaiva Haraprabodha, an expert in divining underground treasure; and the Buddhist Sugatakīrti, a consummate cheat. There they saw Sudatta under an Aśoka tree, and severally expounded before the sage the philosophical tenets followed by each. Sudatta refuted all their doctrines, and explained that Ahimsā or non-injury to living creatures is the basis of Dharma, the sole means of attaining worldly happiness and final beatitude. In illustration of his point, he referred to the sufferings of the two birds in their various previous births as a result of obeying the law of violence, and briefly mentioned the circumstances of the death of Candramati and Yaśodhara and the succession of their births. Caṇḍakarman and his companions, chastened by the teachings of the sage, took the

vow of Jaina laymen; and Candakarman himself, having fulfilled the conditions of the curse inflicted upon him, regained his former status and departed for the world of the Vidyādhara.

Meanwhile, Yaśomati was enjoying the company of his consort Kusumāvali in a tent in the garden. Wishing to show her his skill in hitting invisible objects with arrows simply by hearing the sound, he shot an arrow which pierced and killed the cock and the hen left behind by Candakarman. Soon after, Kusumāvali conceived, and the birds found their next birth in her womb. During the ante-natal period, the queen implored the king to proclaim protection from injury for all creatures and prohibit the sale of wine and the use of meat. Further, she expressed a keen desire to have teachings on kindness to living creatures expounded to her, and worship holy women noted for their self-control. The king was convinced that he was going to have a child with an innate leaning towards the Jaina religion, and tried his best to fulfil the wishes of the queen. In due course Kusumāvali gave birth to a pair of twins, a boy and a girl, who were respectively called YASASTILAKA and Madanamati, better known as Abhayaruci and Abhayamati, on account of the mother's solicitude for *abhaya* or 'protection from injury' for all creatures during the period preceding their birth. The children grew up, and it was rumoured that Abhayaruci would soon be made crown-prince, and Abhayamati married to the king of Ahicchatra.

One day Yaśomati went hunting, and happened to see the sage Sudatta in the garden of the Temple of the Thousand Spires. Ajamāra, a boon companion of the king, suggested that the inauspicious sight of the naked ascetic augured ill for the hunt, and this annoyed the king and made him feel disgust for the sage. A merchant named Kalyānamitra, who had come to pay homage to Sudatta, entreated Yaśomati not to be disrespectful towards the saint, who was once the king of Kalinga and renounced his throne to practise religious austerities. The merchant and Yaśomati then both paid their respects to the sage, who greeted the king with a benedictory verse, and uttered a panegyric (p. 262):

त्वं वीरवैरिवलितानयनेन्दुकान्तनिष्यन्दसंपदि मतोऽसि नरेण राजा ।

आदित्य एव च अवाप्तहितान्नान्ननिखोकशोकतपनोपलदीपनेषु ॥

The affable conduct of the sage touched the king to the heart; and repenting that he should have ever harboured ill-feeling for so good a man, he resolved within himself to cut off his own head and lay it at the feet of the sage as an expiatory offering. The latter at once read Yaśomati's thoughts and forbade him to do such a thing. The miraculous power of the sage astonished the king, who now questioned him about the whereabouts of his departed parents and grand-parents after their death. The sage



related that Yaśorgha, the king's grand-father, after practising religious austerities according to Jaina tenets, became after his death a divine sage, while his mother Amṛtamati went to the fifth hell in consequence of her sins. As for his father Yaśodhara and grand-mother Candramati, they had to undergo countless sufferings in many a birth owing to the sin of having sacrificed a cock made out of flour-paste in lieu of living animals, and have now been reborn as Yaśomati's own children, Abhayaruci and Abhayamati. The words of the sage made the king realise the enormity of his own sin on account of having killed numerous animals and partaken of their flesh since his early childhood. Disgusted with life, he made up his mind to follow the path of religion, but before renouncing the world, narrated to Abhayaruci and Abhayamati the story of their previous births.

The ascetic boy (Abhayaruci) now relates to Māradatta that he and his sister Abhayamati, on hearing their father's words, suddenly remembered their former births, and decided in their turn to renounce the world, although they were at that time only about eight years old. Owing to their tender age, they became religious apprentices under the sage Sudatta, and travelling in his company, had arrived at the outskirts of Ujjayinī, when they were arrested by Māradatta's men and produced before him.

The narrative of the ascetic boy visibly moved Māradatta, and the latter, having realised that worldly happiness is like a dream or a magic show, expressed his desire to enter the order as a novice. Abhayaruci advised him to see the sage Sudatta, and both set out to meet the great teacher.

### Book VI

Sudatta, perceiving by his supernatural knowledge that Māradatta was coming to meet him, himself came to the king's court, and was received with honour. Abhayaruci introduced Māradatta to the sage as the son of king Caṇḍamahāsena of the Yadu dynasty and the younger brother of his mother Kusumāvalī, and spoke about the prince's desire to be initiated into the religious life. Māradatta then questioned Sudatta about the nature of Dharma, the causes of salvation and the cycle of births, and the duties of householders and monks.

Sudatta now commences his great discourse on Jaina doctrines, starting with a brief résumé and criticism of the theories of other schools, and an exposition of the doctrine of Samyaktva or right faith, that is, faith in the tenets of the Jaina religion. He then describes the four obstacles to the growth of Samyaktva as well as the four factors conducive to its growth, illustrating each of them with appropriate stories which occupy most of the



Chapter. This portion of the discourse ends with an enumeration of the different categories of Samyaktva and a brief definition of Right knowledge and Right conduct, which with Samyaktva constitute the fundamental dogma of the Jaina faith.

#### Book VII

Continuing his discourse, Sudatta deals with certain essential features of Jaina religious practice, e. g., the prohibition of wine and meat. The stories are again prominent, and illustrate the evil results of drinking and flesh-eating and the merit of abstaining therefrom. Another series of stories illustrates in detail the bitter consequences of malevolence, theft or breach of trust, falsehood, lust and greed, abstention from which forms the keynote of the five primary vows known as *Āṇuvratas*.

#### Book VIII

The Jaina system of worship and devotions (*japa*, *dhyāna* etc.) is outlined in the remaining portion of Sudatta's elaborate discourse. His teachings have the desired effect, and Māradatta and the citizens are initiated into the Jaina religion. Abhayaruci and his sister, Māradatta who became an ascetic, the sage Sudatta, and Yaśomati, who had already renounced the world and taken the ascetic's vow, all became celestial beings after their death.

Somadeva sings the glory of the Jaina faith and acclaims the Goddess of Poetry at the end of the story (p. 418):

जयतु जगदानन्दस्वन्दी त्रिनोक्तिसुधारसकदनु जयतात् कामारामः सतां फलसंगमैः ।  
जयतु कवितादेवी सधत्तल्ल यदाभवात् कृतिमतिरियं सुते सुक्तिं जगत्प्रबभूवणम् ॥

### CHAPTER III

#### THE STORY OF YAŚODHARA AND ITS SOURCES

It is not possible to determine how old the story of Yaśodhara is, but it is certain that it is much older than the 10th century. It is said that a *Yaśodharacarita* by Prabhañjana is mentioned in the unpublished Prākṛit romance *Kuvalayamālā* composed by Uddyotanasūri in 777 A. D. at Javālipura, identified with Jhalor in Marwar<sup>1</sup>. This shows that the story must have been current long before the eighth century, and we find it

<sup>1</sup> The relevant verse of *Kuvalayamālā* is cited by Pt. Nathuram Premi in his *Jaina Sāhitya aurā Itihāsa*, p. 539. The verse describes Prabhañjana as a Rājarsi, and says that he became famous in the country by virtue of his *Yaśodharacarita* which was probably composed in Prākṛit. See also Introduction to *Apabhraṃśa-kāvya-trayī* (G. O. S.), p. 90, and Jinavijayaṇi Muni's articles on *Kuvalayamālā* in *Bhāratiya Vidyā*, Vol. II, Parts I and II.

incorporated also in Haribhadra's Prākṛit romance *Samarāñcakahā*. Haribhadra was one of the *gurus* of Uddyotana, and his literary activity is assigned to the middle of the eighth century.

#### HARIBHADRA'S PRĀKRIT VERSION

The story of Yaśodhara occurs in the fourth *Bhava* of *Samarāñcakahā*<sup>1</sup> in connection with the story Dhana and Dhanaśrī. Haribhadra's version is a detailed narrative, and important as recording the story as it was current two hundred years before it was handled by Somadeva. Its most notable feature is the absence of the episode of Māradatta and the projected human sacrifice in the temple of Caṇḍamārī. It may be surmised, although we cannot be sure on the point, that this was a later addition to the story of Yaśodhara. Apart from this and certain other minor divergences, the Prākṛit version does not materially differ from the story as we have it in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*. Another noteworthy feature is that the names of the principal characters differ in the earlier version, and the name Yaśodhara occurs only at the end. As in Somadeva's romance, the narrative is in the form of an autobiographical record, and related by the monk Yaśodhara to Dhana, the hero of the fourth *Bhava* of *Samarāñcakahā*. The story as told by Haribhadra may be summarized as follows.

Surendradatta was the son of Amaradatta, the king of Viśālā. Yaśodharā was his mother and Nayanāvalī his wife. Surendradatta succeeded his father on the throne, and on a certain occasion made up his mind to renounce the world on discovering a white hair on his head, saying that the messenger of Dharma had arrived. On the eve of his departure from worldly life, he passed a night with his consort Nayanāvalī in her mansion, and was surprised to see her slink away from his side at the dead of night. Fearing that she might have gone out to commit suicide in her grief at the impending separation from him, he followed her footsteps, sword in hand, and was amazed to see her in the embrace of a hunchback, who was employed as a watchman at the palace. The king, who observed them unseen, drew his sword and was about to kill the guilty pair, but restrained himself, thinking of his past affection for the queen, the follies of women, and the young prince Guṇadhara, his son. He then returned to bed and feigned to be asleep, and was shortly afterwards joined by the queen, who quietly laid herself to rest by his side.

Next night the king saw in a dream that he was sitting on a throne on the top of the palace, but was thrown to the ground by his mother Yaśodharā, speaking something that was contrary to his wishes. He went

<sup>1</sup> Ed. by Jacobi, *Bibliotheca Indica*, No. 169, Calcutta 1926.

younger brother Yaśovardhana was then installed on the throne; while Yaśodhara, his father, Vinayamati, the queens, and the chief notables renounced the world and took the monastic vow under a celebrated teacher named Indrabhūti. Thus ends the story of the monk Yaśodhara, as related by him to the merchant Dhara.

It will be seen that the sequel of Haribhadra's version differs completely from that of the story as found in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*. A comparison of the two versions reveals certain other points of difference in the treatment of the story.

Firstly, Somadeva does not pay much attention to Amṛtamati after the murder of Yaśodhara beyond the fact that she appears occasionally in certain episodes, according to the requirements of the story; and we are told at the end that she went to hell. Haribhadra, on the other hand, gives a more detailed picture of the guilty woman after her crime. The prose description of Nayanāvali's affliction with leprosy is followed by several verses, in which her former beauty is contrasted with the physical havoc wrought by her dreadful disease. This reminds us of certain verses in Somadeva's description of the cremation ground in which he contrasts the decaying corpse of a courtesan with her former beauty and charms.<sup>1</sup> Haribhadra says, for instance (p. 262):

वयनेन वनहरेण चरणेहि न जीप मिलिवा भासि । सख्यविक्रयानमहिषं सोढा सलिकलसकमलाणं ॥  
तीप क्षिप वेष्ट कर्तुं अंगुलिभिर्मलमसंगमेहि च । ते चेव हंदि देसा वणिवं उज्ज्वेयवा जाया ॥

Haribhadra touches also the subject of Nayanāvali's redemption. Abhayaruci begs the sage Sudatta to give her religious instruction and initiate her into the Jain religion. The sage replies that she is beyond the scope of religious instruction, that her disease of Karma has been aggravated by her misdeeds acting like prohibited food, and that she is doomed to hell and unfit to receive the blessings of Jainism on account of her great delusion.<sup>2</sup>

Secondly, the motive of the murder is not the same in the two versions. Somadeva represents Amṛtamati as acting in self-defence<sup>3</sup>, while in Haribhadra's version Nayanāvali murders her husband just to avoid taking the monastic vow. This is a weak point in Haribhadra's treatment of the story. The delineation of Amṛtamati by Somadeva is far more complex, involving as it does a study of character and analysis of motives.

1 1. 95ff. See Chapter VII.

2 'अविसञ्जो ह्यु एसा धम्मकहाण । संतप्पिञ्जो इमीय अकन्हावरणावच्छासेवणाय कम्मवाही, पुञ्चं च तच्चपुढवीए पदमवाउवं, अञ्जो पावियम्मवत्सं तीए नारयत्तणं, न पयञ्चइ व एसा महागोहञ्जो जिणधम्मवरणं ति ।' p. 278.

3 See below.

Thirdly, there is hardly any theological bias in Haribhadra's version. Somadeva employs the dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother in Book IV on the subject of animal sacrifice as a vehicle for launching a series of attacks on Hinduism; and the aim of the writer is also to establish the claim of Jainism to greater consideration than it seems to have received among his non-Jaina contemporaries.<sup>1</sup> In Haribhadra's version, the mother, indeed, asks her son to sacrifice animals 'according to the Vedic procedure', but the latter confines himself to pointing out that a propitiatory rite is not compatible with the killing of animals, and that he best performs a *sāntikarma* who regards all living beings with the same consideration as himself (p. 246):

इहकोऽपि परकोऽपि यः संतिवन्मं भयुत्तरं तस्मै । जह पेच्छह्म जप्याजं तह जो सग्गे सया जीवे ॥

As regards the mother's contention that it is permissible to commit sin for the sake of health, the son asserts that it is rather on account of the protection given to living creatures that a man acquires longevity, beauty and health, besides winning universal admiration in the life to come (p. 247):

दीहाउजो सुखो जीरोगो होह्म जमयदाजेणं । जम्मंतरे वि जीवो सयकज्जणसकाहणित्तो य ॥

The controversy between the king and his mother, in Haribhadra's version, comes to an end with a declaration by the former of the evils of flesh-eating and the benefits of abstention therefrom. Throughout the episode the Jain standpoint is stressed, but attacks on the Brahmanical religion are entirely absent. It is obviously far from the intention of Haribhadra to make the mother and the son protagonists of two rival faiths, as is done by the author of *Yaśastilaka*.

Thoughts on the treachery of women are common to both the versions, and that of Haribhadra contains besides a condemnation of marriage in the episode of Yaśodhara and Vinayamati. Most of the birth stories generally agree in the two versions, but there are certain episodes which Haribhadra with his lucid and simple style treats in a more realistic fashion. The torture of the buffalo that killed the king's favourite horse, is, for example, repulsive enough in Somadeva,<sup>2</sup> but it is more so in the detailed picture of refined cruelty which Haribhadra presents before his readers. On the whole, the latter's version of the story of Yaśodhara is a well-balanced narrative with qualities which we miss in the intricate prose of Somadeva's *Yaśastilaka*.

1 See Chapter XIII.

2 Book V.

## ANALOGOUS STORIES

Considered as a folk-tale, the story of Yaśodhara is of considerable interest, although the *motif* of adultery is quite common in folklore and legend. The chief interest centres round the character of Amṛtamati, who represents a type recognised very early in Indian literature. An ancient Buddhist text, for example, speaking of the seven kinds of wives, refers to the first variety as *vadhakā* 'murderess' and describes her thus:

पुद्गलिना महितायुक्किनी जप्पेसु रत्ता जतिमज्जते पति ।

धनेन कीलस्स वधाय उस्तुका वा एवरूपा पुरिसस्स भारिवा ॥

वधका च भारिवा ति च सा पुनरुचति—*Anguttaranikāya* (Sattakanipāṭa LIX).

The *vadhakā* wife, we are told, is corrupt in mind and addicted to evil; she despises her husband and reserves her affection for others; she is bent on murder, and may be purchased by wealth. Guilty of adultery and murder, Amṛtamati is *vadhakā*, but the characteristic thing about her is that she, a woman of high rank, has a lowborn paramour.

The closest parallel to the tale of Yaśodhara and Amṛtamati is found in another Jaina story, that of Devarati and Raktā. Devarati was the king of Ayodhyā and Raktā his queen. It is said that Raktā had a paramour in the person of a lame gardener, and got rid of the king by murdering him and throwing the corpse into a river. The story of Devarati and Raktā seems to be as old as the Yaśodhara story, as it is referred to in *Jasaharacarī* (II. 10) of Puṣpadanta<sup>1</sup>, who, like Somadeva, belongs to the tenth century. The story is mentioned also in *Anagāradharmāmṛta* (4. 77) of Āśādhara who wrote about the middle of the thirteenth century.<sup>2</sup>

Jaina narrative literature acquaints us with the existence of Amṛtamatis in middle-class society as well. In the story of the wealthy young merchant Dhana and his wife Dhanaśrī, occurring in the fourth Book of Haribhadra's *Samarāñcakahā*, Dhanaśrī has a paramour in the person of her servant Nandaka, administers poison to her husband, throws him overboard during a sea-voyage, and succeeds in killing him even after he has escaped and become a monk. In the similar story in the sixth Book of the same work, Lakṣmī, the wife of the young and wealthy

1 गहसंगमि बुद्धर वरिणिण उववारविमुक्कह सरणिणि ।  
उज्जाहिउ देवरर पि बुद्ध पंगलणिमिचु रत्ताह छुद्ध ।

2 The story of Devarati is referred to in the *Bhagavati Ārādhana* of Śivārya; and it is given, in short or elaborately, in different *Kathākośas*. See *Bṛhatkathākośa* (ed. A. N. Upadhye, Bombay 1943), Intro. p. 76, Story No. 85, Notes p. 388.

merchant Dharapa, is no better than Dhanaśrī: she first prefers a robber and then a merchant from China to her husband whom she attempts to murder. Two other women Gopavatī and Viravatī give evidence of similar propensities in stories which seem to be drawn from the life of the common people. Both the stories are mentioned in *Jasaharacarita* of Puṣpadanta (II. 9) and in *Anagāradharmāmṛta* of Āśūdhara (op. cit.), who alludes to Raktā, Gopavatī and Viravatī together, showing that the three women were notorious in Jaina tradition for their treachery and crimes.<sup>1</sup> It may be mentioned that *Daśakumāracarita* (Book VI) and *Kathā-sarīṣāgāra* 10. 9 also contain a popular tale in which a woman attempts to murder her husband for the sake of a mutilated wretch, the two versions showing variations in details.

The placid complacency of Yaśodhara after the discovery of his consort's crime is a noteworthy feature of our story and seems to go beyond the ordinary limits of forbearance. But the pardoning of the guilty wife is a trait that fits in with the religious character of the story; and the *motif* occurs also in the ancient Buddhist tale in which the Bodhisattva, while a king, once pardoned his chief queen, who had been found guilty of a serious offence and taken to the place of execution.<sup>2</sup> Kings are not, however, always lenient in regard to their guilty wives; and Jaina tradition records stories of how some of them dealt with their adulterous queens. The *Vivāgasūya*, the eleventh Aṅga of the Jaina canon, records the story of the young priest Bahassaīdatta, who is surprised by king Udāyana of Kosambi in the inner apartments of his palace in the queen's company, and in consequence arrested and sentenced to death. Another story occurs in Hemacandra's *Parīśiṣṭaparvan* (2. 547 ff.), in which one of the wives of a king pays a nocturnal visit to an elephant-driver, as in the story of Yaśodhara, but is discovered; and a dreadful sentence is passed on the guilty pair.

#### POPULARITY OF THE STORY OF YAŚODHARA

The popularity of the story of Yaśodhara with Jaina writers seems to date from the tenth century. Puṣpadanta who told the story in Apabhramśa verse in his *Jasaharacarita* in four Cantos was a contemporary of Somadeva, the author of *Yaśastilaka*. The story was next narrated in

1 रक्ता देवरतिं सरित्त्वनिपं रक्ताऽक्षिपत् पद्भुके, कान्तं गोपवती द्रवन्तमवधीच्छित्वा सपत्नीशिरः। शूलस्तेन मलिम्बुचेन दलितं स्वोष्ठं क्लिष्टास्त्वयं पतिच्छिन्नं वीरवतीति निन्द्यमबलादृतं सुहृदैः सदा ॥ IV. 77. See also *Bhagavati Ārādhana*, 949-51, and *Bṛhatkathakośa*, story Nos. 85-87.

2 'इमिना एव च भगवता राजा सता अग्रमहिस्थाः महापराचापराद्धाया वरस्थानप्राप्तायाः याचिन्त्या अभयं दत्ता'  
*Mahāvastu*, Vol. I, p. 132.

Sanskrit verse by Vādirāja who wrote a *Yasodharacarita* in four Cantos. Vādirāja is said to have been a pupil of Somadeva<sup>1</sup> and wrote his *Pārvatīnāthacarita*, a Sanskrit Kāvya, in twelve Cantos, according to his own statement, in Śaka 947 or 1025 A. D. After Vādirāja may be mentioned Vāsavasena, who wrote a *Yasodharacarita* in Sanskrit in eight Cantos, and Vatsarāja who also composed a poem on the subject. Vāsavasena and Vatsarāja are earlier than the fourteenth century, as the poet Gandharva who made certain additions to the *Jasaharacariu* of Puṣpadanta in 1308 A. D. refers to both of them as his sources for certain episodes in the story of Yaśodhara.<sup>2</sup> Vāsavasena, too, mentions in his work two earlier poets who handled the story of Yaśodhara, viz., Prabhañjana and Hariṣeṇa<sup>3</sup>. Prabhañjana, as we have seen, is earlier than the eighth century, and one of the earliest writers who narrated the tale of Yaśodhara. We know nothing about Hariṣeṇa's work, but he may perhaps be identified with Hariṣeṇa who wrote his *Kathākośa* in Sanskrit verse in 931 A. D. at Wadhwan in Kathiawar.<sup>4</sup> There is however more than one Hariṣeṇa, and the identification must await further evidence.

The widespread popularity of the tragic story of Yaśodhara is shown by the fact that numerous other poems dealing with the subject were composed in the succeeding centuries not only in Sanskrit but in Old Gujarati, Old Hindi, Tamil and Kannada; while a prose version of the story in Sanskrit was produced by Kṣamākalyāṇa as late as the 18th century. A comprehensive list of these works has been compiled by Dr. Vaidya in the Introduction to his edition of Puṣpadanta's *Jasaharacariu*.

#### THE CHARACTER OF AMṚTAMATI

Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, composed in prose and verse, is entirely different from the other versions of the story of Yaśodhara inasmuch as it is also a great socio-political study and a learned compendium of philosophy, theology and religion. Even in the treatment of the story proper, Somadeva is not without some originality, following as he does his own method in dealing with some of the principal episodes. But his most important contribution to the narrative is his portrayal of Amṛtamati's character. He, of course, regards her as a sinner, but takes care to analyse her motives, explain her conduct, and exhibit her point of view. Thus Yaśodhara,

1 See Chapter I.

2 Vaidya: Introduction to *Jasaharacariu*, p. 18.

3 Ibid., p. 25.

4 Now edited by Dr. A. N. Upadhye (Singhī Jaina Series, 17, Bombay 1943) who kindly supplied these details. See *Intra*, pp. 117-18.



in the course of his long and bitter tirade against women, tries to discover the cause of the queen's strange infatuation with the deformed elephant-driver, and attributes it to his melodious singing. He says: "The preceptors declare singing to be the greatest of the arts. A well-sung song makes even a man, wretched by nature, the resort of the eyes of young women as of their minds. A singer, though ugly in appearance, is more beautiful in the eyes of women than even the god of love. Even women, not easily visible, are deeply attracted by song, as if dragged by a halter. Singing done by expert singers does away with the obstinate pride of proud women, and produces in them an anguish that cannot be remedied by others."<sup>1</sup> This at least partially explains the queen's undignified passion for a paramour of humble station.

Further, it is apparent from the words put in the mouth of Amṛtamati, after the discovery of her infidelity, that her married life was an unhappy one, and she had come to Yaśodhara as an unwilling bride. This seems to be the meaning of her assertion that Yaśodhara and others like him can only be the masters of the bodies of their wives, sold to them by their parents in the presence of the gods, the Brāhmaṇas, and the Fire, but not of their hearts: the lord of one's heart is he who is the object of one's undivided love, 'the haven of confidence.'<sup>2</sup> Less cogent is her appeal to the example of certain wives of legend, who, it is hinted, acted like her, the reference being to the relations of Gaṅgā with Śiva, of Rādhā with Kṛṣṇa, of Tārā, wife of Brhaspati, with the Moon-god, and of Tārā, wife of Sugrīva, with Vāli. The appeal to antiquity reminds one of that in the nurse's speech in the *Hippolytus* of Euripides (vv. 451 sq.), and does not improve Amṛtamati's case; it is rather an admission of her moral weakness. It is, however, certain that Amṛtamati was thoroughly disgusted with her married life with Yaśodhara. As she says,<sup>3</sup> there is nothing in the world which men of fortitude cannot do except the reawakening of love in a heart filled with disgust: who can, indeed, unite two hearts that are like two iron balls, the one hot and the other

1 'गृणन्ति च कलास्तु गीतस्यैव परं महिमानमुपाध्यायाः। सुप्रयुक्तं हि गीतं स्वभावदुर्भगमपि नरं करोति सुवतीनां नयनमनोविश्रामस्थानम्। भवति कुरूपोऽपि गायनः कामदेवादि कामिनीनां प्रियदर्शनः। गानेन हि दुर्दर्शोऽपि योषितः पाशेनाकुट्टा इव सुतरां संगच्छन्ते। कुशलैः कृतप्रयोगं हि गेयमपनीय मानग्रहमपरमेव कंचिदनन्यजनसाध्य-माधिमनुत्पादयति मनस्विनीनाम्।' Book IV, p. 55. The idea goes as far back as the Yajurveda. Cf. Taittirīyasaṃhitā VI. 1. 6: गायन्तं स्त्रियः कामयन्ते.

2 'कुलवधूनां ह्ययमन्यश्च देवद्विजासिसभं मातापितृविकीतस्व कायस्वैव भवतीश्वरः न मनसः। तस्य पुनः स एव स्वामी यत्रायमसाधारणः प्रवर्तते परं विश्रम्भविश्रमाश्रयः प्रणयः।' Ibid., p. 141.

3 'महासरवेषु हि जगति न किञ्चिदुष्करमस्ति अन्यत्र विरक्ते चेतसि रागप्रत्यानयनात्। को हि नामायःपिण्ड इव तप्ततप्ते मनसी संघातुमर्हति।' Ibid., p. 142.



cold? Further, she accuses Yaśodhara of jealousy when she says that only an intelligent person, free from jealousy, can be happy with women; one who behaves otherwise runs the risk of losing his life, like a worshipper of the evil spirit Kṛtyā, or at least incurs a woman's hatred.<sup>1</sup> Amṛtamati's plea for reciprocity of love as an essential condition of conjugal harmony cannot, of course, absolve her from moral responsibility as wife and mother. But she says enough to convince us of the misery of her married life, and we may feel inclined to look upon her failure as a wife as a domestic tragedy rather than as an inveterate case of moral depravity.

The next episode, the murder of Yaśodhara, can be regarded only as a premeditated crime without any redeeming feature; but even here, as already pointed out, Somadeva represents Amṛtamati as acting in self-defence. She regards the story of Yaśodhara's dream and his plan to renounce the world as a feint<sup>2</sup>, that is, as a device to take her unawares, and resolves to act quickly: 'Before he lets loose the poison of his wrath on me, I will let it loose on him!'<sup>3</sup> She opines that a person who is honest in his dealings with cheats and villains, the wily and the selfish, and those who lack in self-respect, is a fool and becomes the dupe of all.<sup>4</sup> So she decides to follow 'the policy of deceit for deceit' (*sathapratī-sathanyāya*), and pay Yaśodhara in his own coin. The plea of self-defence is, however, hardly convincing, as there is nothing in Yaśodhara's attitude to justify any suspicion of revengeful action on his part. Somadeva is well aware of this, and does not, in fact, try to palliate Amṛtamati's crime. But he depicts her as a weakling who cannot help her instincts, and lacks the moral strength to resist their power over her life. He analyses her motives and examines her conduct from different points of view, and seeks to preserve to some extent our sympathy for the guilty woman. In the succeeding portion of the story Somadeva does not add anything important to the traditional presentation of Amṛtamati's career, and seems rather to lose interest in her and lets her appear according to the exigencies of the story. But, on the whole, Amṛtamati in Somadeva's romance is a remarkable piece of characterization showing originality and skill, and reveals an aspect of the author's genius all but obscured by the wealth of scholarship and learning exhibited in the work.

1 'किंच परमकुहन एव पुरुषीषु बुद्धिमानवाप्नोति स्वश्रेयसम् । अन्यथा कुत्साराधक इव ध्रुवं पञ्चजनः पञ्चतामश्वेत् । भवेद्वावश्यमक्षिगतः ।' p. 142. Śrutasagara says परं केवलमकुहन एव ईष्यारहित एव । Ibid.

2 'न खलु मे यामिनीसमाचरितसाहसादस्व वसुमतीपतेरपरमेयं विषकूटकपटानुष्ठानमस्ति ।' Ibid. p. 141.

3 'तदेव यावन्न ममि रोषविषं वर्षति तावदहमेवास्व तद्वर्षामि ।' Ibid., p. 143.

4 'तृतेषु भाषाविषु दुर्ज्ञेसु स्वार्थैकनिष्ठेषु विमानितेषु । वर्तेत यः साधुतया स लोके प्रतार्यते मुग्धमतिर्न केन ॥' Ibid., p. 145.

## CHAPTER IV

### YAŚASTILAKA AS A PROSE ROMANCE

The history of Sanskrit prose romances shows a lamentable gap after the masterpieces of Bāṇa and Subandhu; and when prose romances reappear two centuries later, they bear the impress of new influences and point to a somewhat different literary environment. In the first place, most of the Sanskrit prose romances of the tenth and eleventh centuries were composed by Jaina writers, who were eager to expound and glorify their religion, and may be said to have introduced a religious element into this branch of literary composition. In the second place, there is an increased tendency to mix prose with verse, and the two earliest extant Campūs were, in fact, composed in the tenth century.

Somadeva's *Yaśastilaka* owes a good deal to Bāṇa and Subandhu in the matter of style and the treatment of conventional topics, but it differs from all other Sanskrit prose romances in so many respects that it may be said to stand in a class by itself. Apart from its special characteristics as a prose narrative, *Yaśastilaka* combines features which bring it into relation with diverse branches of Sanskrit literature. It is not only a Jaina romance in prose and verse but a learned compendium of Jaina and non-Jaina philosophical and religious doctrines, a manual of statecraft, and a great repository of Kāvya poetry, ancient tales, citations and references, and numerous rare words of lexical interest. Somadeva's *Yaśastilaka* is a work of massive scholarship enlivened by occasional flashes of literary genius and poetic feeling.

Among his predecessors in the field of prose romances, Somadeva mentions Bāṇa in *Yaśastilaka*, Book IV, and shows some acquaintance with his works, especially the *Kādambarī*. He clearly refers to the deprecation of the life of the Śābara hunters uttered by the parrot in Bāṇa's romance, and quotes a phrase from the passage in question.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva's claim that the religion of the Arhat enjoys great renown in the works of Bāṇa among others should, however, be taken with a grain of salt. Bāṇa, indeed, refers to Jaina mendicants carrying peacock feathers in *Kādambarī* as well as *Harṣacarita*<sup>2</sup>, and in the former work describes Vilāsavati as respectfully offering food to naked Jaina mendicants called Siddhas and asking them questions about the future.<sup>3</sup> The Jinadharma, compassionate to living

1 'आहारः साधुजननिर्मितो मधुमांसादिरिति कथं चेदं सुगन्धोपयोगानन्दं शबरद्वन्द्वं निन्दतावाहि बाणेन ।'.

2 'कैश्चिद् क्षपणकैरिव मयूरविच्छादितैः' *Kādambarī*; 'शिक्षितक्षपणकवृत्तव इव वनमयूरविच्छादयानु-  
चिन्वन्तः' *Harṣacarita*, Book II.

3 'स्ववसुपद्मविच्छादयानु मक्षिप्रवणेन मयसा सिद्धादेशान् नमस्कृत्य नमस्कृत्य पश्यन् ।'.

creatures, is mentioned in *Kādambarī*.<sup>1</sup> But the sight of a naked and unwashed Jaina mendicant with his peacock feathers is mentioned among certain evil omens enumerated in *Harṣacarita*, Book V.<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva is not only influenced by Bāṇa and Subandhu in the conventional descriptions such as those of the seasons, morning and evening scenery, mountains, kings and countries etc., but also borrows an idea here and there from the earlier writers. The description of the different categories of villains and their origin in *Yasastilaka*, Book III, is obviously suggested by that of the fourteen families of nymphs and their origin in *Kādambarī*. The famous advice of Śukanāsa to Candrāpīḍa has its counterpart in *Yasastilaka*, Book II. The conglomeration of picturesque names of women in brief sentences occurring towards the end of the same Book is a device already found in *Kādambarī*, *Harṣacarita* and *Vāsavadattā*. The enumeration of evil omens in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, may be compared with the similar lists in *Harṣacarita*, Books V and VI. Dust in Kāvya literature is not as trifling a thing as one might suppose, and the description of the battle scene and the resulting dust in *Yasastilaka*, Book III, is forestalled in *Vāsavadattā*; while Bāṇa in *Kādambarī* pays attention to the dust raised by Candrāpīḍa's expedition. A brief description of a cremation ground occurs in Subandhu's work; but the similar account in *Yasastilaka*, Book I, is in verse and far more elaborate and serves a different purpose.

These and other similarities between *Yasastilaka* and the romances of Bāṇa and Subandhu would appear to be superficial in face of the essential differences in style, outlook, and the character of the respective stories. The style of Bāṇa and Subandhu, though by no means simple, is simpler than that of Somadeva's prose; and the Jaina narrative shows, on the whole, a greater elaboration of details than is found in *Kādambarī* and *Vāsavadattā*. It is noteworthy that Somadeva has chosen to employ the involved style even in the moral and religious tales narrated in *Yasastilaka*, Books VI and VII; and one of the factors which makes his prose less attractive than that of Bāṇa and Subandhu is the use of rare and obsolete words, which, though valuable from a philological point of view, makes *Yasastilaka* a far more difficult work than the earlier prose romances. Many of the descriptive passages are undoubtedly more complicated and artificial than those of *Kādambarī*. One may contrast, for example, the portrait of Jābālī with that of Sudatta in *Yasastilaka*, Book I; the picture of the Śālmālī tree in the Vindhya forest in Bāṇa's

1 'जिनधर्मेणैव जीवानुकम्पिना'.

2 'कञ्जकलय इव बहुदिग्दन्तुपचितवहलमलयदलमलिनिततनुरभिमुल्लयाजगाम शिशिपिच्छलाच्छनो नम्राटकः ।'.

romance with the unwieldy description of the huge tree in the valley of the Suvela mountain towards the beginning of *Yasastilaka*, Book V; and Bāṇa's beautiful portrayal of the trees around the Śiva temple where Mahāśvetā worshipped with the Jaina author's laboured description of the pleasure garden in *Yasastilaka*, Book I. Similarly, the enumeration of different varieties of plants illustrated in Subandhu's description of the sea-shore in *Vāsavadattā* is overdone in Somadeva's picture of the great forest in *Yasastilaka*, Book V. It may be said, on the whole, that in natural descriptions Somadeva is far excelled by Bāṇa and Subandhu; and there is nothing in *Yasastilaka* which will bear comparison with the serene picture of the rule of concord and harmony governing the life of animals and human beings in Jābāli's hermitage, as described in Bāṇa's *Kādambarī*. Lengthy and detailed descriptions of female beauty, so wearisome to readers of Sanskrit prose romances, are practically absent in *Yasastilaka* owing to the very nature of the subject-matter.

More important than the question of style is the fundamental difference between the story of Yaśodhara and the romantic tales of *Kādambarī* and *Vāsavadattā*. The salient feature of the story of Yaśodhara is that it is a realistic tale based on a domestic tragedy, even an unpleasant incident of domestic life, around which is woven a story of moral and religious edification. It was a daring experiment on the part of Somadeva to have composed a romance, of which adultery and murder were two prominent features, in the grand style of Bāṇa and Subandhu; and *Yasastilaka*, is, as a matter of fact, the only considerable Sanskrit prose romance which deals with tragic incidents of conjugal life, eschewing romantic love in favour of grim realities and the workings of fate. From this standpoint *Yasastilaka* may be described as a realistic novel, and the note of realism is accentuated by the complete absence of the miraculous except in a few minor episodes independent of the main story. This appears to be a noteworthy characteristic of Somadeva's work when we remember the part played by the miraculous in all other Sanskrit prose romances from *Kādambarī* to *Gadyacintāmaṇi*.

Two other characteristic features of *Yasastilaka* may be emphasized: it is a vivid picture of certain aspects of contemporary life and society as well as a great religious romance; and in both respects it differs widely not only from *Kādambarī* and *Vāsavadattā* but from the remaining Sanskrit prose romances. These points have been dealt with in subsequent chapters, and we may here attempt a somewhat detailed treatment of Somadeva's prose as far as it is represented in his *Yasastilaka*.

As is usual in Sanskrit prose romances, long-winding descriptions preponderate in *Yasastilaka* to the detriment of the narrative, and are

often complicated by conglomerations of intricate and loosely constructed compounds of considerable length. There is, however, no doubt that Somadeva has at his command a rich variety of details, and shows an intimate knowledge of diverse phases of the life of his times. The conventional descriptions are mostly involved and artificial, but there are others simpler and more effective, mostly dealing with topics peculiar to the romance, and by no means frequent in Kāvya literature. We may start, for example, with the picture of the dread goddess Caṇḍamārī in Book I (p. 150):

यस्याः कपालमालाः शिखण्डमण्डनानि, शवशिशवः धवणावतंसाः, प्रमितप्रकोष्ठाः कर्णकुण्डलानि, परेतकीकस-  
मणयः कण्ठभूषणानि, परासुनलरसाः शरीरवर्णकानि, गतजीवितकरङ्गाः करक्रीडाकमलानि, सीधुसिन्धवः संध्याचमनकुल्याः,  
वितृवनानि विहारभूषयः, चिताभसितानि चन्द्रकवलाः, चण्डातकभार्दचर्माणि, सारसनं मृतकाम्बच्छेदाः, प्रनर्तनप्रवेशः  
संस्थितोरःस्थलानि, कन्दुकविनोदः स्तभोत्तमाङ्गैः, जलकेलयः शोणितदीर्घिकाभिः, निशावलिप्रवीपाः श्मशानकृशानुकीलाभिः,  
प्रत्यवसानोपकरणानि नरशिरःकरोटिभिः, महान्ति दोहदानि च सर्वसत्त्वोपहारेण ।

“Garlands of human skulls are her head-ornament. Corpses of children are her ear-ornament. The elbows of dead men are her earrings. Balls made from the bones of dead bodies form her necklaces. The ooings from the leg-bones of corpses serve as her cosmetics. Skeletons play the part of toy-lotuses in her hands. Rivers of wine are the streams wherein she performs her evening ablutions. Charnel-fields are her pleasure grounds. The ashes of funeral pyres are her face-ornament. Raw hides constitute her robe. The intestines of dead bodies form her girdle. The bosoms of dead men are her dancing floor. She plays with the heads of goats as with balls. Her water-sports take place in lakes of blood. The blazing fires of cremation-grounds serve as her votive lamps at night. Human skulls are the vessels she eats from. Her greatest pleasure is when living creatures of all kinds are sacrificed at her altar.”

The description of the shrine of the goddess, the Mahābhairava temple, gives a good idea of a contemporary cult of savage character, and is perhaps the most elaborate picture of its kind in Sanskrit literature; and, although in this respect Somadeva is anticipated by Bāṇa in his description of the temple of Caṇḍikā in *Kādambarī*, and by Haribhadra in his verse description of the temple of Kādambarī or Caṇḍikā in *Samarā-iccakahū* (Book VI), the corresponding account in *Yasastilaka* preserves interesting details not recorded elsewhere.<sup>1</sup> The delineation of the surging crowd of the Mahāyoginīs in the temple, for example, although fantastic to some extent, graphically presents the grim aspect of these monstrous deities, “extremely ferocious and long-limbed like the Nights of universal destruction”. “They were emerging with fury from the surface of the sky,

1 See Chap. II.

from the earth, from the depths of the nether regions, and from all the corners of the sky, like darkness at night." "The banners of the Sun's aerial car were singed by the flames issuing from the eye on their foreheads, being fanned by the gaspings of the hapless serpents, ruthlessly pressed in the tangled masses of their hair; while the Sun's rays were obstructed by the huge vultures hovering about the gruesome skulls decorating their heads; and the ornamental designs of blood painted on their cheeks were being lapped up by the snakes adorning their ears."<sup>1</sup>

A notable picture is the dramatic appearance of the spy of Yasodhara in the streets of Ujjain with his grotesque dress and clamorous retinue (Chap. III, p. 397):

कृतकार्धचन्द्रचुम्बितचन्द्रकापीविकृम्बितमुण्डमण्डलः, तूलिनीकुसुमकुसुमालाकृतिजानुबोत्कर्षितकर्णकुण्डलः, कामे-  
णानेकजटाजातिजटितकण्ठिकावगुण्ठनजठरकण्ठमालः, चिरचेलवीरीचर्चितविचित्राप्रपचीनप्रालम्बजालः, कुबलीफलस्थूलप्रापुष-  
मणिविनिर्मिताद्भुतदंसादितप्रकाण्डमण्डनः, कूर्परपर्यन्तप्रकोष्ठप्रकल्पितगवलवलयारुण्डनः, काकनन्तिकाफलमालोपरचितवैकृष्ण-  
वक्षःस्थलः, कठोरकमठपृष्ठाष्टीलस्थपुटपाणितलः, पटवरपर्याणगोणीगुह्यापिहितमेहनः, पुराणतरमन्वीरमेखलालंकृतनितम्बनिवे-  
हनः, कंसहंसकरसितवाचालचरणचारचातुरीक्षोभितवीचीजनमनस्कारः, कातरक्षणविषाणकाणमिनिवेदितनिशाबलिप्रचारः,  
किरातवेद्यस्य भगवतो विश्वमूर्तेरपरमेव कमप्याकल्पं विभ्राणः, पुत्रमाण्डं बन्दिद्वन्द्वारकस्य कटकाधिपतेः, जामिभोगावलीपाठिनः  
हुभटसौहार्दस्य, दौहित्रः श्रोत्रियकितवनाजो नर्मसचिवस्य, समाश्रयस्थानमवकीर्णिलोकानाम्, अश्विलपुनर्भविबाहुकृतकशिपुवैतन-  
संबन्धः, सकलगोकुलालिखिततूवरसुरभिसैरिणीदायनिबन्धः, प्रभुप्रतिषर्मावकृतगात्रैः सखिपुत्रैर्दण्डाजिनिर्देश परिप्राजकैः  
'एष खलु भगवान् संजातमहायोगिनीसंगतिं तीन्द्रशानोद्गतिः सिद्धः सामेधिकः संबन्धः मीणा करिणः केसरिणमग्निं संगमयति  
विद्वेषमेवजेन जननीमप्यात्मजेषु वैरिणीं विदधाति इत्यावेद्यमानशःनमस्तत्प्रभावः ।

"His head was adorned with a crown of peacock feathers surmounted by a crescent, and he was wearing earrings made of red lac and shaped like the flowers and buds of the silk-cotton tree. The neck was stiffened by the fastening of a necklace made out of many varieties of magic roots, and he was wearing a garland made from shreds of old rags, multicoloured, and reaching to the feet. The upper arms were decorated with armlets made of tin balls large as plums, and the forearms enveloped with buffalo-horn bracelets up to the elbows; while a garland of Guñja berries served the purpose of a *vaikakṣaka* wreath across the bosom. The hands were rugged like the bony frame of the carapace of a tortoise, and the privy parts were covered with the lower edge of an old saddle cloth. The waist was decorated with a girdle of worn out churning ropes and the attention of the passers-by was attracted by the nimble gait of his feet resounding with the brass anklets worn by him. He announced his nocturnal rites with the sound of his buffalo-horn; and he was, in fact,

1 'कपर्दनिर्दयसंसर्दनिर्दोदाङ्गार्दगच्छासुरास्त्रकारस्कारितकण्ठलोचनानकम्बाङ्गकविनादितिसुतनिकेतनपताकाभोगा-  
भिः, शिखण्डमण्डनोद्भुतवरचिरःश्रेणिवर्णन्तप्राप्तप्रभुप्रभुनिर्दयवर्दीधितिप्रबन्धभिः, अवणभूषणमुज्ज्वलिहलि-  
मानकपोकतल्लिखितरक्तभाभिः' (p. 45).

dressed in an attire exactly like that of Lord Śiva disguised as the Kirāta hunter. He was the son of the chief panegyrist Katakādhpati (Camp-commander), the son-in-law of the minstrel Subhata-sauhārda (Friend of Warriors), the grandson of the jester Śrotriyakitava (Brāhmaṇa Gambler), and the refuge of all who had transgressed their vows. His food and emoluments were earned by arranging the nuptials of all the harlots', and he had endowments of hornless cows and she-buffaloes registered in his favour in all the dairy farms. The glory of his wisdom and knowledge of mystic formulas and rites was proclaimed in the following manner by religious mendicants', carrying sticks and deerskins, and acting as informers, with bodies made ugly by excessive decorations: 'Here is the Exalted One who has communed with the Mahāyoginīs and acquired supersensuous knowledge. He has attained spiritual perfection, and his utterances are unfailingly true. By his art of enchantment he can unite even a lion with an elephant, and by means of animosity-producing drugs he can make even a mother an enemy of her children!'

The picture of the elephant-driver in Book IV is a minute study in ugliness, which is emphasized in such a manner as to suggest the enormity of the queen's strange infatuation. He is described as sleeping on the floor of a thatched hut strewn with grass left over from the ration of elephants, resting his head on a heap of coiled up ropes serving as a pillow. His only clothing was a piece of rag used for rubbing elephants with oil. He had coarse thorn-like hair; ears like old shoes; eyes like the mouth of a bucket; lips like the fringe of a leather oil-flask gnawed off by rats; cheeks like the hollow of an age-worn tree; teeth protruding like an irregular row of cowries; a chin hardly visible, as he had a regular goat's beard;<sup>3</sup> a throat with the veins visible, resembling the trunk of a castor-oil plant; arms like a couple of dead serpents suspended from on high; a stomach bloated like inflated billows; and thighs like stakes damaged by fire. 'He was repulsive to sight like a mass of sins, and extremely disgusting like a charnel-field. He appeared to be a compact mass of iron rust in human shape, and fashioned by the Creator by combining all kinds of deformities.' The original passage runs as follows (Chap. IV, p. 42):

कटहरकुटीरके करिकलवशिष्टयवतस्तारिणे<sup>4</sup> अबगुण्ठितरज्जुपुञ्जपरिकल्पितशिरस्पदे निद्रावन्तम्, इभाभ्यङ्ग-  
कर्षदधिहितलज्जास्थानम् अतिकठिनकचकण्डकोद्गमरमुष्णमण्डलम्, अनशानुपवीनापटलसमभवसम्,.....उद्वनशुचिराति-  
शायिलोचनम्,.....उन्मुरविकर्तितसंघाटतटतुलितोमयदशनवसनम्, अतिपुराणकुजकोटरप्रतिसङ्गाहम्, असमस्थापितवराट-  
कविकटवन्तम्, अजश्मश्रुदुर्धर्षचिबुकमन्यम्, एरण्डकाण्डविबन्धिमनीलगलनालम्,.....उन्मिवतमृगगोनासनुकारिणिपस्ति-

1 Śrutasāgara says पुनर्भूणां पुंशलीनां संमहलीधिषवानाम्.

2 Obviously employed by the court.

3 'अवधमङ्ग' Cf. the Greek phrase *pōgōn mala tragikos* (Lucian, *The Dream*, 10).

4 This is the reading of Ms. A. The printed text reads...प्रसरविकारिणि.



निर्गमम्, अनिलमृतमङ्गाप्यातकठरम्,.....अमिलद्वितत्वाणुगणनोदकम्,.....अवसंघातमिव दुर्ग्रीधयम्, अमङ्गलस्थानमिव  
नितरायुवेजनीयम्, अखण्डमङ्गरकुलमिव मनुष्यरूपेण परिणतम्, अखिलमिव वैरूप्यमवचित्य वेवसा निष्पादितम्.....

The account of the regiments of Yasodhara's army has more than a literary interest, and is full of important details throwing light on the composition of old Indian armies. It is one of the most remarkable descriptions not only in *Yasastilaka* but in Sanskrit literature as a whole (chap. III, p. 461 etc.):

निटिलतटपट्टिकाप्रतानधटिलोद्भटजटम्, उत्कोशकिंशुकप्रसूनमञ्जरीमालजटिलविषाणविकटमेकरङ्गसूगमण्डलमिव,  
कर्तरीमुखमुम्बितामूलमधुबालम्, उन्मिद्यमानमदतिलकितकपोलं पीलुकुलमिव, किर्मीरमणिनिर्मितत्रिशरकण्ठिकं महामण्डलाव-  
गुष्टितगलनालमान्यनीषावसेन्यमिव, आकुफणिकृतकालायसवल्लयकरालकराभोगं बालविलेशयवेष्टितविटपमार्गं भद्रभिवाप्तोक्त-  
गहनमिव, आनामिवेशोत्तमितासिबेनुकम् अहीश्वरानुबद्धमध्यमेखलं मन्वानकाचलमिव, आबहुणोत्थितनिविडनिषसनी  
सकौपीनं वैखानसवृन्दमिव, अनेकाङ्गनामसंभावनोद्भीषाननम्, आत्मसावाङ्म्यरोडुमरमागधोत्कर्णितवदनम्, ऊर्ध्वनखरेखा-  
लिखितवेहप्रासादं देव इदं निहितविविधायुधवर्तनौचित्यं दक्षिणार्ण्यं बलम् ।

"Sire, this is the Deccan regiment practised in the use of diverse arms. The luxuriant tangle of the hair of the men is tied up with cloth bands around their foreheads. Conspicuous by the horns carried by them, entwined with sprays of fullblown Palāśa flowers, they look like a troop of rhinoceroses; and with the tips of their knives coming up to the roots of their beards, they resemble a troop of elephants with the cheeks dotted with flowing ichor. They are wearing triple necklaces made of many-coloured beads, and look like Śiva's troops, awful on account of their necks being enwrapped with Mahāmaṇḍala serpents. They have the forearms enveloped with iron bracelets worn up to the elbows and resemble a thicket of sandal trees with the branches entwined by young snakes. With their daggers fixed about the centre of the waist, they resemble the mountain wherewith the gods churned the ocean, with its central slope encircled by the lord of serpents (Vāsuki). With their thick loin-cloths tucked up as far as the thigh-joints, they look like a crowd of religious mendicants wearing *kaupina*. They are looking up on hearing the many laudatory poems, and stand with upturned faces, as they listen to the minstrels loudly reciting exuberant panegyrics in their honour. Their bodies are scratched all over with upward lines of finger-nail marks."

इतथ पर्यन्तखर्वितकुन्तलतयार्धमुष्टिमितमस्तकमध्यकेशम्, अतिप्रलम्बभ्रवणवेशदोलायमानस्फारसुवर्णकर्णिकाकिर-  
णकोटिकमनीयसुखमण्डलतया कपोलस्थलीपरिकल्पितप्रफुल्लकर्णिकारकाननमिव, समुत्कर्षितसूक्ष्मविषु रुजह्वाप्रमागरोमलोमसम्,  
अहरहःप्रभाजितदशनप्रकाशपेशलवदनतया प्रदर्शितसखीययशःप्रसुतिहोत्रमिव, अनङ्गप्रहपरिवेषवर्तुलदन्तक्षतक्षपितभुजसिखरम्,  
अमवरतक्षरक्षारसरगरफक्षितिशरीरतया कजकिंजल्ककल्लवफालिन्दीकल्लकुलमिव, मायूरवर्हातपत्रप्रभासामिकासंघादितगगन-  
गणद्वीपलकुटिमच्छायम्, दरदद्रवापाटलफलकान्तिकुटिलकात्रितोलासलालसकरं संध्याभ्रगर्भविभ्रान्तात्रियसंदर्भनिर्भरं जम् इव,  
देव, इदमनेकदोलिकाविलं ग्रामिलं बलम् ।

"This, Sire, is the Tamil regiment provided with numerous litters. The men have a mere handful of hair on the crown of their heads owing



to the hair all around being cropped short. They seem to have clusters of full-blown Karpikāra blossoms attached to their cheeks on account of their countenances being lovely with the shooting rays of the large gold earrings swinging from their elongated ears. They are shaggy on account of the profuse growth of hair on the borders of the lips, the chins, and the frontal part of the legs. They seem to be displaying the source of their fame<sup>1</sup>, their visage being beautiful with the lustre of their daily cleaned teeth. Their upper arms are dented with the marks of bites (given by their mistresses), round as the halo of a planet, to wit, the god of love. They look like the waves of the Yamunā blended with the filaments of lotus blossoms, their dark bodies being painted with fluid turmeric ceaselessly dripping. With the blue sheen of their parasols made of peacock feathers they have caused the sky to look like an emerald floor; and with their hands playfully moving along their curved loins shining with the lustre of their shields painted with liquid red lead, they look like the sky full of flashes of lightning playing in the bosom of the evening clouds."

इतथोत्तकाशनकान्तकायपरिकरम्, करोत्तमितकर्तरीकणयकृपाणप्रासपट्टिशबाणासनम् आसनविशेषवशातिविद्वत्-  
मितप्रचुरक्षोभितकुम्भिनीभागम्, भागभागार्पितानेकवर्णवसनवेष्टितोष्णीषम्, अनवधिप्रकारप्रसवस्तवकचुम्बितशिलां विजयश्री-  
निवासवनमिवैर्द, देव, तुरगवेगवर्णनोदीर्ण यथायथकथमौत्तरपथं बलम् ।

"Here, Sire, is the North Indian regiment of truthful speech, and eloquent in praise of the speed of horses. The men have bodies comely as heated gold; and held fast in their hands are knives, darts, daggers, spears, blades and bows. The surface of the earth is agitated by the hooves of their horses galloping at top speed on account of their particular mode of riding. They wear *puggrees*<sup>2</sup> made up with multicoloured scarves arranged in layers; and with the crown of their heads adorned with clusters of flowers of endless varieties, they look like the sylvan abode of the goddess of victory."

इतथ.....करिवैस्तमालिताखिलाशावलयम्. अनवरतचिपिटचर्वणदीर्गदक्षनाप्रदेशैर्गुवाकफलकषायित-  
वदनवृत्तिभिः स्वभावावेवातिकोपनहृदयैराप्रपरीतचोलकस्त्रलितगतिवैलक्ष्योत्तिष्ठपर्यन्तजनदुर्वाग्विधिभिः प्रकामायामलोमचूदै-  
र्गौडैराकुलितसकलसैनिकम्, विचित्रसूत्रगुम्फितस्कारफरकोत्करकर्तुरितसर्वदाक्षायणीदेशम्, .....आहवेकानुरागं,  
देव, इदं जलयुद्धवदक्रियाविशेषासक्तं तैरभुक्तं बलम् ।

"Here, Sire, is the Tirhut regiment, fond solely of war and devoted to manoeuvres incidental to naval combats<sup>3</sup>: it has darkened the entire horizon with its mighty elephants.....All the troops of this regiment are

1 Fame in Sanskrit poetry is always white.

2 A marginal note in Ms. A says उष्णीषः शिरोवेष्टिकीटयोः । अत्र तु पाषाणी मुद्रास्ता.

3 This seems to be a reference to river operations. The Deopara stone inscription of Vijayasena of Bengal (about the end of the eleventh century speaks of the royal fleet going up the entire course of the Ganges for the conquest of the western regions (पाश्चात्यवक्रान्तकेलिषु यत्नं वापद्मसममुपपत्तिं नौविकाने). *Jp. Ind.*, Vol. I, p. 309.

disturbed by the Gauda soldiers with extremely long tufts of hair: the extremities of their teeth are worn out by constant chewing of flattened rice, and their mouths are tinged red with betel; they are by nature exceedingly irascible, and hurl abuse at the bystanders, being ashamed of stumbling on account of their cloaks reaching to the feet. The large shields of the regiment made from multicoloured cords have tinged the entire expanse of the sky with diverse hues."

इतथाजानुलम्बमाननिवसनम्, माहिषविषाणवदितमुष्टिकटारकोटकटीभागम्, निरन्तरधनवीर्यदेहलोमकलाप-  
कल्पितसर्वाङ्गीणकटुटम्, अशस्त्रियैकप्रवन्धमृदुकूर्चकेसतया कियानुमेयनामिनासानयनश्रवणदेशम्, उभयांसोराम्भितभूमिभ्र-  
तया त्रिशिरोनिशाचरानीकमिव, लघुदृढदुष्करदूरलक्ष्यादिपातादिपाटवापहसितरूपकूपधर्मकर्णार्जुनद्रोणद्रुपदभर्गमार्गवम्, वृताधि-  
ज्याजकावं, देव, इदं गौरैरे वलम् ॥

"This, Sire, is the Gujarat regiment armed with strung up bows. The men are wearing cloaks reaching to the knees, and their loins are girt with daggers with buffalo-horn hilts. The close, dense and long hair of their bodies constitutes an all-enveloping armour; and the existence of certain portions of their bodies, the navel, the eyes and the ears, can only be inferred from their actions, owing to their beards expanding thickly downwards and sidewise. They look like a throng of three-headed monsters on account of the large quivers attached to both the shoulders. They surpass even Kṛpa, Kṛpadharma, Karna, Arjuna, Drona, Drupada, Bharga and Bhārgava in efficiency, in swift aiming, vigorous shooting, and hitting of difficult and distant targets."

The report of the spy against a minister of Yaśodhara and the account of the embassy sent by the king of Pañcāla to the latter's court, in Book III, are not only socio-political records of great value but interesting as good specimens of Somadeva's simpler style and businesslike prose. The account of the embassy has been reproduced elsewhere<sup>1</sup> and we may here give a few illustrative extracts from the former document. It is necessary to point out that the spy's report, comprehensive as it is, contains, besides specific charges against the minister in question, a satire in prose and verse against ministers in general, quasi-historical traditions, and observations on human traits.

Speaking of villains, the spy gives a fanciful account of their origin, classifying them into eighteen different groups. The first group originated from the Kālakūṭa poison in Śiva's throat; the second from serpents; the third from the ferocious beak of Garuḍa; the fourth from the moon of the fourth lunar day (believed to cause disputes); the fifth from the attendants

1 See Chap. V.

of Death; the sixth from the dust of a libertine's feet<sup>1</sup>; the seventh from fire; the eighth from hell; the ninth from the illusion created by Viṣṇu; the tenth from the jaws of the god of death; the eleventh from the evil ways taught by heretic schools; the twelfth from the sin of doubt and hesitation; the thirteenth from burning shame; and the fourteenth from the arts of deception. In addition to these, one group of villains originated from darkness, whence arose in the sky Rāhu, the enemy of the other planets. A second group originated from the quarrel of Brahmā and Viṣṇu at the time of the glorification of the Phallic Śiva<sup>2</sup>, whence arose also the sage Nārada, the lover of disputes. A third group originated from the clash of thunder and lightning, whence arose also the submarine fiare. A fourth group of villains originated from Diti who gave birth to Tāraka, the demon who habitually cheated all pious people on the earth. This account of the origin of villains appears to be Somadeva's invention, and shows imagination and selective power, although in design he is indebted to the story of the fourteen families of nymphs and their origin in Bāṇa's *Kādambarī*. An indirect reference to this occurs in the passage in *Yasastilaka* which runs as follows (Chap. III, p. 441):

देव, अप्सरसामिवामरेषु नरेष्वपि किल खलानां चतुर्दश कुलानि पुरा प्रादुर्बभूवुः । तत्र तावत् प्रथमं प्रमथ-  
नाथकण्ठालंकारनिकटान् कालकूटात् प्रादुरासीत्, द्वितीयं द्विजिह्वेभ्यः, तृतीयं तुक्ष्मात्मजतुण्डचण्डतायाः.....

The irresistible and invariable character of the evil propensities of a man is illustrated with various examples. Addressing the king, the spy says: देव, मांसरसतस्य पुंसः किमिव मांसव्रतम् । कपाले भुजानस्य हि नरस्य क इव केशदर्शनादाद्यप्रत्यादेशः । पुरे प्रमोषदक्षस्य हि पुरुषस्य केव कान्तारेऽपेक्षा । निरम्बरनितम्बायामात्माभ्यां दाहोद्योगस्य हि जनस्य क इव पराम्बाया-  
मम्बरपरित्यागः । यतः

स्वितार्तुं असमानस्य गतासौ कीरशी दया । परबाले कृपा केव स्वबालेन बलिक्रिये ॥

"Sire, how can a man who is fond of the savour of meat undertake a vow of abstention from flesh eating? Does a man who eats from a skull stop eating on discovering the presence of hair in his food? Does a man who is expert in stealing in the city need a forest for his activities? How will a man whose passion is aroused at the sight of his naked mother react to the nudity of another's mother? Because, how can one who devours the living have pity on a corpse? How can one who sacrifices his own child be compassionate to that of another?" 3. 174.

1 'वहं बह्मप्रपदादपरागात्'

2 This seems to be a reference to the quarrel of the two gods about the extent of the Phallus. See Chap. XVII. Somadeva says: खण्डपरमथायुषस्य साधनसमृद्धिसमये दृष्टिगदानोदर-  
कम्पलात्. Ś'rutasāgara says: खण्डपरशोर्वशीकरणसरे ब्रह्मविष्णुयुक्तात्.

देव, स्वभावजा हि दुस्सजा बहु प्रकृतिः । न खलु पोषितोऽप्यहिपोतो जहाति हिंसाप्यवसानम्, न खलु प्रतलीलोऽपि किञ्चनप्रत्यजति कौर्यम्, न खलु प्रायोपवेशनवातिन्दपि कुट्टनी मुञ्चति परवधनोचितं चिन्ताम्, न खलु कालकवलनिकटोऽपि किराटो रहति चात्यस्थितिम् । यतः

यः स्वभावो भवेद्यस्य स तेन खलु दुस्स्वजः । न हि शिक्षाशतेनापि कश्चिदुञ्चति चापलम् ॥

"Sire, verily it is difficult to renounce one's natural propensities. A young snake, though nourished with food, does not renounce the effort to do harm. A cat, though he may practise religious observances, does not give up his ferocity. A bawd, though she observes religious fasts, does not abandon the design of cheating others. A merchant<sup>1</sup> does not give up his art of deception even when he is on the verge of death. Because, verily, of whatever nature a person may be, it is hard for him to discard it. A monkey never forsakes his fickle habits even if he is given a hundred kinds of training." 8. 175.

The tirade against the ministers of kings in verse, forming part of the spy's report, has been summarized elsewhere; and there is also a satirical description of them in prose (Chap. III, p. 439):

देव, सरलस्वभावस्य देवस्यामात्यदैत्यानामाकल्पोदधः प्रतिक्रियाप्रपञ्चः साधुतायोगेऽनुरागे च कारणम् । तत्र चामीषामेतत्तात्पर्यम् । तथा हि सत्पुरुषपृषतवधाय व्याधस्याशिलाङ्गसंवरणं यत्रावरणमिवामात्यजनस्य लम्बाश्लक्षं चोलकम्, मुग्धमीनबन्धनानायमिव महाकायः कूर्चकेशनिकायः, कपटबकोटपेटकघटनाय सर इकोदारसुदरम्, परव्यसनान्वेषणाय मृगधूर्तस्येव मन्दमन्दाचारः पादप्रचारः, कथमेते खलु पातालस्थाः कस्तथा मम भविष्यन्ति शेषशिखामणय इति लुण्ठाकृतयेव सुहृदुर्जलेषु निमज्जनम्, कदा ह्यमी गगनचराः कन्दनकुन्दुर्वावनोदकरा मम भविष्यन्ति रविरधतुरङ्गा इत्यपजिहीर्षयेवादिस्ति-  
सुतोपासनम्, अरे हताश हताश मयि सत्याश्रयाशो सर्वाशे च कथं नाम तज्जामवान् भवानितीर्ष्येयवाहुतिर्भवेग विषमरीषि-  
ताडनम्, सुप्रयुक्तस्य दम्भस्य ब्रह्माप्यन्तं न गच्छतीति मर्नाषया साधुजनशकुनिहननाय द्वीपिद्विजोद्दीपनमिव देवतार्चनम्, कियन्तो मया महान्तः प्रतारिताः कियन्तो नाद्यापि इति संभालनायेव जपव्यवसायः, कुशलशकुलाशनाय वक्तव्येव ध्यानपरता, चतुरवधनाय ठक्तव्येव धर्मागमपाठः, परलोकगतिभङ्गाय निगलजालस्येव गुरुचरणोपचारः, शाकिनीजनस्येव सेवकेषु जीवित-  
विनाशाय प्रियंवदता, अविज्ञातान्तस्तत्त्वस्य शुष्कसरःसेतोर्विव ह्येसाय प्रियालोक्ता ।

"Sire, the pomp of dress and flurry of remedial measures of those devils, the ministers of Your Majesty, straightforward as you are, are intended to give an impression of honesty and loyalty. Their real purpose is as follows: The flowing robes of ministers are like a hunter's cloak enveloping all his limbs, and designed to kill honest people, like deer. The huge mass of their beard and hair seems to be a drag-net for capturing ignorant fools, like fish. Their big bellies are like a pool for amassing tricks, like a flock of cranes. They walk slowly and slowly like jackals to look for the weak points of others. A minister makes very frequent ceremonial dips into waters, as if with a thievish purpose: 'How will indeed the crest-jewels of the serpent Ananta abiding in the nether regions come into my possession?' He worships the Sun, as if with motives of robbery: 'When will those

1 Ms. A explains किराट as वणिक्.

horses of the Sun's chariot, coursing in the sky, play the ball-game of war for me? He strikes the Fire by way of offering oblations, as if out of spite, saying: 'Since it is I who destroy my own refuge or benefactor, and destroy also all and sundry, why dost thou, o wretched Fire assume the names *śarayaśa* (one who consumes one's own refuge) and *sarvāśa* (one who consumes all)?' The worship of the gods by a minister is comparable to letting loose a bird of prey for killing honest people, like birds, with the idea that not even Brahmā sees through a well-devised trick.<sup>1</sup> The muttering of prayers by a minister seems to be a device for recalling how many great men he has cheated and how many still remain uncheated. The meditation of a minister is like that of a crane for the purpose of 'devouring' able men, like fish. The study of the Law Books by him is like that of a *thug* for the purpose of cheating the wise. His obeisance at the guru's feet looks like the spreading of a network of chains for obstructing the way to heaven. His sweet words, like those of a witch, serve only to ruin his followers. His amiable looks, like the pleasant aspect of the embankment of a dried up pool, bring distress to those who are ignorant of the inner truth."

The more important of the charges against Yasodhara's minister bearing on contemporar / conditions have been discussed in another chapter viz., Chap. V. Some of the observations of the spy on the ways of the minister provide interesting reading. The cultural pretensions of the man are severely criticized, his mean tricks exposed, and the secret of his fame explained. A healthy feature is the insistence on learning being independent of wealth procured by royal favour:

देव, प्रसादनादनात्मभाविन्योऽपि विभूतयः पतिवरा इव खात् पतितस्यापि जनस्य भवन्ति, न पुनरायुःस्थितय इवानुपासितगुरुकुलस्य यत्रवत्योऽपि सरस्वत्यः । यतः

मृपकरणायाः कामं द्रविणकणाः संचरन्ति शरणेषु । नःस्वाभिजात्यमेतत् पाण्डित्यं वा मृणां भवति ॥  
देव, तच्छून्योऽपि यत् क्वचित् पुंसि नभसि विद्युन इव विद्याविलसितम्, तद्धनस्य धनस्यैव माहात्म्याच्चात्मनः । यतः

विद्यारसविहीनापि धौल्यली विभवातपात् । म्मलीकोकोत्तरङ्गेवं मधेन्मुखमृगप्रिया ।

यदपि क्वचित् क्वचित् कलासु पयसि पतितस्य तैलविन्दोरिवान्तर्व्याप्तिशून्यस्याप्यस्योपन्याससाहसम्, तदपि कश्मीलबलाभाशापाशस्खलितमतिमृगीप्रचारस्य दुर्भरजठरकुञ्जरविनिर्भिजमानसारस्य हताहंकारस्य सरस्वतीपण्यपातकावसरस्य जनस्याजर्जरा पुनर्बोधैदार्यात् । यतो देव, षट्दशीनां हि वदनसौरभं स्वामिताम्बूलोद्गालाण सौभाग्यबलात्, पवनस्य हि पारिमलपेशलता प्रसूनवनसंसर्गाज निरर्गात्, दारुणो हि दाहदारुणता बृहद्भानुभावाज स्वभावात्, मण्डनस्य हि भण्डनकण्डू-  
कताधिपतिसंनिधानवशाज शौयवेशात्, उपलशकस्य हि नमस्यता देवाकारानुभावाज प्रकृतिभावात् । .....यत् पुनः  
सेवकलोकदौरात्म्यं प्रचिख्यापयिषुः किमप्यणकपदबन्धेन भगवतीं सरस्वतीं विधमति, तत्र यो हि स्वयमेवं निकायति स कथं  
नाम दुरात्मा स्वादिति परप्रतारणार्थम् । ... ..कृतं पुनरस्य पिण्याकपण्याद्भनाजनस्यबालोक्तोत्सर्गैरनेकशोऽनेकपा-  
ण्डितिलिप्तिर्गर्वविसर्गैरेव राजपथीकृतम् । यतः

त्रैदण्डिकादितुण्डिकापाण्डिकाशिकप्रसक्तैः । कीर्तिर्भवति प्रसृता सरपटदीक्षाधिकेरस्य ॥

1 I. e., the worship of the gods by a minister is a carefully planned show of piety, the real motive being to obtain their help in cheating and ruining honest people.

"Sire, riches, although they do not crop up of their own accord, may, like brides seeking a husband, come into the possession even of a man fallen from the sky, as a result of (royal) favour; but learning, like the span of life, never comes to a man, even though accompanied by efforts, unless he attends the lecture-hall of a teacher. Because, 'wealth there may be in plenty in men's homes as a result of a king's favour, but not nobility of birth nor scholarship' (3. 179). When, my lord, there is a show of learning in a man, although he is devoid of these two qualities, it is due not to his own ability but to that of wealth, just as a flash of lightning in the sky is due not to any potency of the sky itself but to the presence of clouds.

The field of the intellect, although devoid of the water of learning, may on account of the power of wealth undulate with falsehood, and prove attractive to those deer, the dunces (3. 180). Indeed, this minister (of yours) has the hardihood to hold forth on certain branches of art, although lacking in depth, just as a drop of oil spreads on water without penetrating below the surface; but even that is due not to any great measure of intelligence on his part, but to his association with people who commit the sin of prostituting their learning, being without any self-respect, with all sense of pride destroyed by the axe of chill penury,<sup>1</sup> and the antelope of their intelligence trapped in the snare of the hope of gaining an infinitesimal quota of wealth. Sire, the fragrance of the mouths of slave girls is due not to any luck but to their taking the remnants of the betel chewed by their masters. The lovely redolence of a breeze is due not to its natural qualities but to its contact with flower gardens. The fierce burning of wood is due not to its natural properties but to the action of fire. A dog is eager to fight not on account of his courage but on account of the presence of his master, and a piece of stone becomes an object of veneration not on account of its natural state but because it is shaped into the likeness of a god.....

Further, the minister annoys the Exalted Goddess of Speech with his wretched verses, his purpose being to proclaim the villainy of his subordinates. This is meant to put outsiders off the scent, who would be led to think, 'How can a man who speaks thus (about the vices of his subordinates) be a villain himself?'.....

Then it is the associates of the many heretics, wandering in the world to its farthest limits, who have oftentimes given wide publicity to his way of life, similar to that of a spendthrift whore.

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<sup>1</sup> Lit., the axe of a stomach difficult to replenish.

His fame has been spread in the world by religious mendicants snake-charmers, Kāpālikas, jugglers and consummate thugs." 3 183.

The minister is then accused of various offences such as tyranny, disloyalty, usurpation of power and financial maladministration, all kinds of motives being attributed to him.

यस्तु स्वास्थ्यवसरेष्वपि समृद्धदेशे हि महीशः कीनाश इवावदयं करोति कामपि विकृतिमिति धूमकेतुरिवानपराधमपि जनपदं पीडयति, प्रभूतपक्षबलो हि भूपालः शैल इव कस्य भवति वश इत्यनुरक्तमतीरपि प्रकृतीरसमञ्जसयति, कृशकोशको हि धरेशः क्षपितपक्षः पक्षीव भवेत् मुन्त्रसाध्य इति धनं निधनयति, व्यसनव्याकुलितो हि राजसुतो व्याधित इव न जातु विक्रुते पुरश्चारिष्विति द्विषतः प्रोत्कर्षयति, एकारक्षो हि क्षितिपतिः करिपतिरिव न स्यात् परेषां विषय इति न कमप्यभिजातं सहते, स किल प्राणप्रतीकारेषु स्वापतेयोपकारेषु वा विधुरेषु भवितोषकर्तेति को नाम श्रद्दधीत । यतः

स्वस्थावस्थापामपि योऽनर्थपरम्परार्थमीहेत । स कथं विधुरेषु पुनः स्वामिहिते चेष्टेऽस्मात्यः ॥

"Like an outbreak of fire, he oppresses the innocent population even in peaceful times, because a king whose realm is prosperous is sure to do some harm (to his ministers), like the god of death. He creates disaffection among the loyal citizens, because a king with a large following is like a mountain and comes under no one's influence. He squanders public funds, because a king with a depleted treasury can be tackled with ease, like a bird whose wings are cut off. He consolidates your enemies, because a prince overwhelmed by peril is like an invalid, and gives no offence to his counsellors. He never tolerates any highborn person, thinking that a king in the grip of any particular individual is, like an elephant, unlikely to come under the influence of others. Who would believe that such a man would be of any help in the preservation of life or the protection of property in times of danger? Because, how can a minister who strives to do continuous harm even in easy circumstances exert himself for the good of his master in times of peril?" 3. 184.

The minister is also accused of having banished various distinguished men whose presence was vital to the welfare of the state (Book III, p. 458):

ततोऽसौ यदि देवस्य परमार्थतो न कुप्यति, सत्पुरुषपरिपदिष्व मनसि मनागपि नाभ्यसूयति, तत् किमिति मनीषा-पौरुषाभ्यामशेषशिष्टशौण्डीरशिखामणीयमानमतिममीक्षं पुण्डरीकाक्षम्, सिन्धुरप्रधानो हि विजयो विशामीशानामिति तत् किमिति समस्तसामजैतिष्ठयुष्मनःप्रभावं बन्धुजीवम्, महाकविसंग्रहान्महीपतीनामाचन्द्रार्कावकाशं यश इति तत् किमिति स भवत्कीर्ति-छताललनालापामृतसेवकसारं हारम्, 'यामु सन्तो न निष्ठन्ति ता वृथैव विभूतयः' इति तत् किमिति स्वभावादेव देवस्य प्रसेदुषोऽपरानपि विदुषः पुरुषानमिषजगारान्तरापतितः कपोत इव निर्वास्य स्वयमेकैश्वर्ये वर्तते ।

"If then he really has no illwill towards Your Majesty, and if he, like an assembly of good men, bears not the slightest malice in his heart, why has he monopolized all power by banishing, like a dove flying into a house,<sup>1</sup> such men as Puṇḍarikākṣa, whose intellect and insight were as

1 See Chap. XV for the superstition.



the crest-jewel of all cultured and spirited men by virtue of his talents and courage? The triumph of kings depends upon elephants; yet (why did he banish) Bandhujīva whose mental faculties were devoted to the mastery of all branches of elephant-lore? The fame of kings lasts as long as the sun and the moon owing to their patronage of great poets; yet (why did he banish) the poet Hāra, an excellent votary of the nectar of sweet utterances on the creeper of your fame? Wealth that does not support the good is of no use: knowing this, why did he, being intolerant, banish yet other learned men, friendly by nature to Your Majesty?"

Good examples of reflective prose are provided by the musings of Yaśodhara after the discovery of the misconduct of his consort. Pausing after his momentary resolve to kill her, Yaśodhara says (Chap IV, p. 48):

आः किमिदमहो कर्माहमनुष्ठारुं व्यवसितः । न खलु नार्य इव शुभमशुभं वा कर्म सहस्रैवारभन्ते विनीतमतयः, नापि विपदि संपदि वा कृपणप्रकृतय इयाशु विक्रियां गच्छन्ति महानुभावाः, न चाल्पमेधसामिव महीयसामुपपन्ना भवन्ति कामचारेण प्रवृत्तयः, न चैतद्गहनं किंतु प्रातर्मयैव लज्जावनतमस्तकेन शिरः पिधाय स्थातव्यम् । शोचितव्यं च मयैव प्रणयिनां पुरः पश्चात्तापदुःप्रतिष्ठानमिदमनुष्ठानम् । श्रोतव्या भविष्यन्ति मयैव कर्णकटुताकाराः पुरजनस्य धिक्काराः । सुष्ठु मलिनीकृतं स्यान्मयैवात्मीयं मामीय च कुलम् । सोढव्या मयैव स्वदुःकृतनिहतरविधाक्षितशल्यस्पृशः कुलवृद्धानामभिधाः । अहमेवोदाहरणं भविष्यामि दुर्बुद्धिनां कुटुम्बविषटने । कलुषतामेध्यत्येषैवास्थाने विनियोजिता खल्लता । स्त्रीवधादयमजनि तपस्वीति मृतस्यापि मे न दुर्यशः प्रशान्तिमर्हति । शोकातङ्गे पतिष्यति च सापराधसवित्रीमृतिदुःखितो युवराजः । परं च बहुपराधे हि देहिनि क्षणमात्रव्यथाशरणं मरणमनुग्रह इव । यदि पुनरनवेक्षणमुपस्थितस्य, असंभाषणमासन्नस्य, उपेक्षणं विज्ञपयतः, अबधीरणमसमैः परिभूयमानस्य, आशामङ्गकरणमर्थयतः, प्रीतिवितरणं तदनभिमतानाम्, अस्मरणं प्रियगोष्ठीषु, अनवेक्षणं तत्परिजनस्य, अपवार्य व्याहरणं स्वप्रकाशेष्वप्यालापेषु, अनवसरानुसरणमसंगभावेऽपि प्रस्तावेषु कियेत, स्यात् प्रत्यानीतक्षिरमस्थाने कृतसमयः प्रणयः ।

"Ah, what have I set myself to do? Certainly the wise never do anything good or bad, like women, on the spur of the moment, nor are the high-spirited quickly perturbed, like the weak-minded, in prosperity or danger, nor do arbitrary acts befit the great as they do those who are poor in talents. This is by no means hard to comprehend. (If I kill her) it is I who will have to cover my head on the morrow, downcast with shame; it is I who will have to bewail my action, injudicious on account of repentance, in the presence of friends; it is I who will have to hear the reproaches of the citizens, harsh to the ear; it is I who will have tarnished my own family and that of my uncle; it is I who will have to bear the cutting remarks of the elders, without any means of reply on account of my misdeed. I will be cited as an example of how the foolish disrupt their own families. And this sword will be polluted, if applied to an unworthy object. 'He became a miserable wretch by murdering a woman'—this evil report concerning me will not subside even after my death. And the prince (Yaśomati), miserable at the death of his guilty mother, will be sorely afflicted with grief. Besides, death with its momentary



pain is as a favour to one who has committed a grievous offence. On the other hand, it is possible to repudiate long misdirected love if the person so loved is treated with contempt<sup>1</sup> even on isolated occasions; for example, if one does not take any notice of him when present; if one does not talk to him when near; if one ignores him when he makes a statement; if one neglects him when insulted by his inferiors; if one disappoints him when he asks for a favour; if one befriends those who are disliked by him; if one does not mention him in conversation with friends; if one does not look at his attendants; and if even in self-evident matters (requiring no deliberation) one dismisses him on the pretext of lack of leisure."

After recognising that the pageant of life loses its meaning without women, Yaśodhara dilates on their villainy and faithless character (p. 61):

इमा ह्यनिशमनुनीयमाना गृहमर्केटमिव विडम्बयन्ति पुरुषम्, उपचारैर्गृह्यमाणा दामदुर्भराः स मेव इत्यधिक-  
क्षिपन्ति, अपेक्ष्यमाणाः पशुमिव मन्यन्ते, दृढादुपभुज्यमानाः श्मशानकुटमिव परिहरन्ति, सेष्यमनुयुज्यमाना भुजङ्ग इव  
वृक्षान्ति, गुणवद्गणो निम्बादिवोद्विजन्ते, शुचिक्रियेषु मृत्पिण्ड इवामिनिविशन्ते, अनुरज्यन्त्य एव भवन्ति कारणमनर्थ-  
परंपरायाः, हसन्त्य एव शल्ययन्त्यङ्गानि, पश्यन्त्य एव दहन्ति देहम्, आलपन्त्य एव स्खलन्ति मनसः स्थैर्यम्, आसजन्त्य  
एव कुर्वन्ति तृणादपि लघुतरं मनुष्यम्, आरक्ष्यमाणाः स्वच्छलेनैवारमन्ते दुष्कर्माणि । न चासामस्ति रक्षणेपायः ।

"Constantly pampered, they deride men as they would a tame monkey. They are never satisfied with presents, and when treated with marks of esteem, they mock at men as being sheep. When sought after, they look upon men as brutes. When enjoyed against their will, they forsake men like a water-pot used in a cremation ground. Jealously questioned, they bite like serpents. They shun those who are virtuous like the Neem tree (with the bitter leaves), and regard those who act from pure motives as clods of earth. Women become a source of perennial evil even while they profess love, pierce one's limbs even while they laugh, consume one's body even while they cast glances, undermine one's strength of mind even while they talk, and degrade a person even lower than a blade of grass by attaching themselves to him. When guarded, they commit misdeeds by resorting to their own devices, and there is in fact no means of effectively guarding them."

The disgruntled husband takes a pessimistic view of youth, wealth and the joys of life, all these being regarded as disturbing influences on the moral life. The observations are enlivened by a large number of illustrative similes (p. 66):

यौवनविमर्शः पुनः कादम्बरीयोग इव परं मुमुक्षुणामपि नाविकार्य मनांसि विश्राम्यति । श्रीमदः सर्वेन्द्रियाणां  
जनुषान्धत्वमिवाप्रतीकारमुपपातकरणम् । अनङ्गसिद्धान्तः खलोपदेश इवानर्थभुजङ्गमानामुत्थापनदण्डः । कवयः पुनः पिशाचा  
इव विषयेषु विभ्रमयन्ति निसर्गादजिह्मयन्ति चित्तानि । दिण्डिमञ्चनिरिव व्यसनव्यालप्रबोधनकरः कलानामभ्यासः । नियोग-  
काम इवापातमुन्दरः प्रसक्तोन्मादयति सुविदुषोऽपि पुरुषान् प्रणयिजनविलासो हृदयमुपनिपत्य दर्शयति च । याचितकमण्डनमिव

1 Ms. A. remarks यदि अनवसरानुसरणं निरावरः क्रियेत तदा प्रणयः निराकृतः स्यात् । अनवसरानुसरणं क्रियेत्  
अनवेक्षणमित्यादि क्रियेत्.

छन्दानुवर्ती परितनः । तदेतेष्वेकमप्यलमुपहन्तुं प्राणिनः, किं पुनरमीषां न समवायः ।.....  
यस्यां पुनर्लक्ष्म्यामयं महानामहो लोकस्य सा दैवात् करमुपागतापि सुतकणिकेव न भवति दिवरा । खलमैत्रीव संगच्छमानापि  
जनयत्यवश्यं कांचिद्विपदम् । अपमार्गयवागुरिव लब्धापि न शक्यते परिणमयितुम् । प्रयत्नपरिपालितापि कुलटेव करोत्युप-  
पतावभिलाषम् । अनुभूयमानापि मदिरेव मोहवत्यन्तःकरणम् । ग्रहोपरागलेखेव गताप्यसंतापयन्ती न व्यवतिष्ठते । साहसैरुप-  
स्थितापि राक्षसीव छलयति केवलं महापुरुषेषु प्रतिष्ठां प्रत्यवसादयितुम् । दुर्जनेषु क्षणमात्रं सखीभावमुपयाति ।

"The advent of youth, like the drinking of wine, never fails to pervert the minds even of those who are bent on salvation. The pride of wealth, like birth-blindness, causes an incurable paralysis of all the senses. Erotic lore, like a villain's counsel, is a magic wand for raising serpents, the evils of life. The poets, like demons, bewilderingly divert the minds of men, although straightforward by nature, to mundane joys. The practice of the arts is like the sound of a drum, awakening the serpents of evil passions. The enjoyment of a beloved woman, charming only at the beginning, like an appointment newly obtained, forcibly intoxicates even very wise men, and taking possession of the heart, fills it with pride. The subservient attendants are like borrowed ornaments.<sup>1</sup> Not to speak of the combination of these evils, even one of them is sufficient to destroy sentient beings.

The Goddess of wealth, for whom the world has so great a longing, becomes fickle like a particle of mercury even when she comes into one's possession by chance. Like the friendship of villains, she is bound to cause some calamity even when she is one's associate. Like gruel made from the *Apāmārga* plant, she cannot be assimilated even when one has acquired her. Like a lewd woman, she longs for a paramour even when cherished with care. Like wine, she deludes the mind even while she is enjoyed. Like an eclipse, she never fails to cause distress even after she has vanished. Although she appears at the call of bravery, she practises deception, like a demoness, in order to destroy the eminence of the great. For a moment she befriends the villains."

The difficulty of controlling the mind is emphasized in Sudatta's reflections in Book I, similes being used as usual to give point to the remarks (p. 111) :

तथा सकृच्चलितं च चेतः प्रासाद इव पुनः दुष्करमुद्धर्तुम्, दूरतरमुन्नतानि गिरिशिखराणीव शक्यन्ते शरीरिणां  
हृदयानि सुखेनैवावसात् पातयितुमारोहयितुं न पुनर्दुःखेनापि । अस्ति च 'श्रेयांसि बहुविघ्नानि' इति विदुषां प्रवादः ।  
श्रुताभ्यासश्च विसृतान्तुर्दन्तिनमिव प्रत्यवसन्तमात्मानमलं न भवति निवारयितुम्, तलुच्छद इवावीरधीषु न जायते चलतश्चित्तस्य  
प्राणाय देहदाहकरागमः संयमः, बहिरुत्थावस्थितः पारदरस इव द्रव्यपरिगतः पुमान् क्षणमपि नास्ते प्रसंख्यानक्रियाद्यु ।

"It is as difficult to steady the mind, once it has gone astray, as it is to restore a building shaken to its foundations. The hearts of men,

<sup>1</sup> I. e. fickle, faithless. Borrowed ornaments denote the idea of instability as they are claimed back by their owners. The idea is fully explained in a Buddhist simile which compares the pleasures of sense to borrowed wealth. See *Majjhima Nikāya*, *Potaliya Sutta* (LIV): वाञ्छितकूपमा कामा.

like extremely high mountain-peaks, can easily be flung to a lower level, but cannot be elevated even with difficulty. And there is a saying of the wise that the good is accompanied by many impediments. The study of the Scriptures cannot check the erring self, just as lotus fibres cannot hold back an elephant. Self-control, physically distressing as it is, cannot protect the unsteady minds of those who are fickle, just as an armour cannot fortify the wavering hearts of cowards. A man surrounded by distractions cannot concentrate even momentarily on meditative efforts, just as mercury placed over the fire does not last even for a moment."

A few homely pictures are provided by Somadeva's description of certain misers in *Yasastilaka*. In the humorous prelude to the spy's report, the latter speaks of a fellow named Kiliñjaka described as 'the foremost of misers.' "He is to be counted first among the stingy. He is the exemplar of the penurious, and deserves to be called the chief of the untidy. He is the crest-jewel of the greedy, and his name can be mentioned only at the end of a meal." The spy gives a detailed account of the wretched meal to which he was treated by the miser (Book III, p. 404):

.....अर्धरत्नालवूफलफलिप्रकारम्, इषत्स्विन्नकर्कर्कर्कश्च्छेदसारम्, अवालमालूमूलकचक्रकोपक्रमम्, अवृष्टिर्भट्टिकाभक्षणभग्नभावक्रमम्, अपक्वाकामिदमनरिङ्गणीफलाविरलविरचनम्, अगस्तिचूताभ्रातकपिचुमन्दकन्दलसदनम्, अनेकदिवसवासार्थितान्मलखलकविस्तारम्, अतीवपाकोपहतवृद्धतीवार्ताकफलसोभाजनकन्दसालनकावतारम्, एरण्डफलपलाण्डु-मुण्डिकाङ्गुमरम्, उच्छूनोद्वेहितबलकरालकोकुन्दोद्गमरम्, अनल्पराजिकावर्जितावन्तिसोमावसानम्, .....

The description is of interest not only on account of the names of a large variety of fruits and vegetables but as providing detail of domestic life, and is a contrast to the rather empty rhetoric which sometimes characterizes Kāvya prose, including Somadeva's own writing. It reminds one of a similar but less complex account of poor men's fare preserved in an extract from the Greek comedian Alexis, cited by Athenaeus in *Deipnosophistae* II. 55.

Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*, Book VII (section 32), gives another picture of a notorious miser, the wealthy merchant Sāgaradatta, who has rather queer notions of economy and resorts to ingenious devices to put them into practice. He does not, for instance, buy oil for lighting his courtyard, but hangs a mirror from the edge of the roof of his house, and allows the light from his neighbour's house to be reflected in the mirror. He would advise the boys of the household not to waste oil in massaging their bodies before bath, but to have contact with the oil-smeared bodies of the boys of the neighbourhood in a close fight with them. He would instruct his servants to purchase oil and salt and then return both as being bad, the particles adhering to the receptacle being sufficient for subsistence! He avoids washing expenses by selling his dirty linen, and never accepts an

invitation to dinner lest he should be required to return the invitation; and his servants see what other people ate in their homes. It will be conceded that we have here a portrait worthy of Theophrastus.

Descriptions of female beauty so frequent in Sanskrit literature are rare in *Yasastilaka*. A well-drawn picture is that of the beautiful daughters-in-law of Queen Celinī, followed by the pathetic figure of the wife of Puṣpadanta, grown ugly and emaciated after twelve years of separation from her husband who had taken the monastic vow.<sup>1</sup> The portrait of Māradata in Book I is chiefly remarkable for the young king's love of dangerous exploits and strange rites; while the cumbrous description of king Yaśorgha in Book II may be contrasted with the simple one of Sudatta as king of Kalinga in Book V. The seasonal descriptions in Book I form the background of Sudatta's religious austerities which are briefly outlined. Not much interest attaches to the artificial description of Avanti in Book II and the pleasure garden in Book I.

Most of the natural descriptions are of the conventional type and often characterized by artificial conceits and commonplace images. There are, however, others enlivened by striking details illustrating the author's powers of observation. Mention may be made of the animated description, in Book V, of the prosperous dairy-farm of Karahāṭa, full of all kinds of cows, horses, mules, donkeys and sheep, 'a combination, as it were, of the oceans of curds, milk and clarified butter'. A variety of scenes common to life in a dairy-farm in medieval India is vividly described (p. 184):

क्वचिदुच्चिगलमण्डलवालाकुलितवस्त्रवर्करकम्, क्वचिद्रोपालपोतपारिषोपद्यमानवृद्धशृङ्गिकम्, क्वचिद्वत्सेक्षणक्षर-  
स्तनधेनुदुग्धधाराधायमानधरापीठम्, क्वचित् कालशेयकलशराशिविभ्राणनप्रीयमाणातिथिपेटम्, क्वचिद् वनविनिवृत्तानिचिकी-  
तिटिलनिकटनिक्षिप्यमाणदधिदर्भदूर्वाक्षतप्रसवम्, क्वचिद्विलितदामदासेरकार्भकप्रान्तिशक्तिशक्तृकरिखुरक्षुयमानाग्ननिवेशपल-  
वम्, क्वचित्तरुणतरामीरोद्गूणघनदुष्पणघोरघातघूर्णमानरगरभसक्षोभसंघुक्षितरक्षाक्षकक्षम्, क्वचिदुन्माथनाथहरियूथयुद्धबाध्यमान-  
प्रष्टौहीपक्षम्, क्वचिद्वृष्कयणीक्षीरप्रतीक्ष्यमाणगृहगृहावग्रहणीगृहदेवताकुलम्, क्वचिद्रोमियुनपरिणयोत्पुलकपल्लवस्ववासिनीजनोच्चा-  
र्यमाणमङ्गलम्, क्वचिद्विधिमन्थमन्थानध्वनिविनर्त्यमानभवतबर्हिणम्, क्वचिन्माहेयीदोहव्याहाराहूयमानपयःपानपरपथिकगणम्,  
क्वचित् सदानदामनीच्युतचपलतरतर्णकक्षोदरुदितदारकक्षीयमानजरतीरक्षाविधानम् .....

"Somewhere in the farm the kids are harassed by the unchained young dogs, and elsewhere an old ewe is tormented by the pranks of a cow-boy. At one place the ground is drenched with milk streaming from a cow's udders at the sight of her calf; at another place guests are entertained with gifts of pitchers of buttermilk; and elsewhere curds, blades of *kūśa* and *dūrva* grass, unbroken rice and flowers are placed on the forehead of a cow back from the woods. Here the tender leaves in the mangers are crushed by the hooves of

1 For the story see Chap. XVI.

calves frightened by the scamper of the young camels who have broken their chains; there the buffaloes stagger under the merciless blows dealt by the young Ābhīras with heavy sticks, and are infuriated by the violent commotion of the fight. At one place the resort of cows with young for the first time is disturbed by the combats of a herd of powerful bulls. At one place the tutelary deities presiding over the threshold of a house are worshipped with the milk of cows with grown up calves; and at another place women with husbands alive, carrying blossoming sprigs, sing auspicious songs at the nuptials of a bull and a cow; while elsewhere the domestic peacocks are made to dance by the sound of the churn-staff in the making of curds. Somewhere in the farm the sound of the milking of cows invites wayfarers eager to partake of milk; while elsewhere an old dame comes to the rescue of a boy weeping at being trampled on by a nimble calf that has broken away from the tether."

The elaborate description of the great forest in Book V is interesting chiefly for the vivid portrayal of a variety of wild animals in their natural surroundings (p. 198):

..... कचिदुपलम्बाप्रलम्बस्तम्बविलम्बमानजानकोत्त्रासितहरिणप्रयाणभरभीतभङ्गनिकरम्, ..... कचिदनवरतमृगमार्ग-  
मार्गणश्रमश्रान्तचिलातचेलिको बुलुधितचुरीवारिवीषणातुरतरमुचुर्दुर्लभ्यवगनिम्रगापुलिनम्, कचिशामरिकनिकायसायकविद्ध-  
वराहविरसविरसितस्रवत्कुराङ्गनागर्मनिर्भरम्, कचिदुन्मदमहिषमण्डलारब्धरणविषाणसंघट्टेच्छलत्स्फुल्लसंगशीर्यमाणामाप्रप-  
न्नवभरम्, ..... कचिदविच्छिन्नविहारवानरनिकरविकीर्यमाणनीडकोडोडुनीनाम्बजच्छदच्छाम्बरम् ..... कचिदधनचूक-  
घोरचूत्कारधूर्णमाणपुराणविटपिकोटप्रस्तवायसीवर्गम्, कचिद्वलबद्धालोन्मूलितहुमलाकुलकलमप्रचारम्, ..... कचिबि-  
लककुलाम्रातपृषतचरखण्डमानकदलीप्रवालान्तरङ्गम्, कचिदनन्यसामान्योदन्यानुहुतप्रवद्रुजिह्वाबलितमानमृगतृष्णिकानरङ्गम्  
कचिप्रचण्डगण्डकवदनविदार्यमाणरुहधिरदुरीक्षवृक्षानीकम्, कचिभिःसत्यसहकचलाकाजालकील्यमानरत्नकलोकलोकम् .....

"Somewhere in the forest a pack of bears is scared by a herd of deer rushing past, being struck with terror at the sight of the wild oxen loitering among the clumps of spreading creepers.....At one place the islet of a mountain river looks terrible with the hyenas worried at the sight of the water of the sandy pools being drunk up by the Bhilla boys, exhausted by the constant search for the track of deer. A corner of the forest is covered with the embryos of hinds expelled by the shrill cries of the old boars pierced by the arrows of a band of robbers. At one place the extremities of the thick foliage of trees wither in contact with the sparks shooting up from the the clash of horns in the combats of frenzied buffaloes.....At one place the sky is covered with the feathers of birds flying away from their nests, being dispersed by a crowd of monkeys roaming at will.....At another place the female crows bring forth their young in the hollows of the old trees shaken by the horrible cries of the compact flocks of screech-owls. In one part of the forest, the movements of the elephant cubs are hampered by the clusters of trees uprooted by violent gales.....Another

part of the forest is covered with the leaves of the banana plants cut up by the hooves of the bucks attacked by leopards. At one place antelopes, oppressed by an uncommon thirst, run and lap up the ripples of a mirage. At another place the trees are ghastly with the blood of stags pierced by the horn of some fierce rhinoceros, and all the Rallaka deer are transfixed by the spines of the porcupines moving about freely."

Similar delineation of the wild life of nature is found in the description of the Sīprā river in Book V (p. 208):

अन्योन्यापयनघनापहृकुपितकुम्भीरभयभ्राज्यत्कुम्भकुहूत्कारमुखरम्, अवाचाटवकोटचेष्टितचक्रितकमलमूलनिली-  
यमानपोताधानम्, अम्बुरुहकुहरविहरदवहारविभ्रितवैखानसकुसुमोच्छनविधानम्, उदीर्णदर्पदीवि<sup>1</sup>तुमुलकलिकोलाहलावलोकमूफ-  
मूकलोकम्, उन्मत्तमकरकरारफालनोताललहरिकोतालितारविन्दकन्दरद्रवन्मकरन्दविन्दुचन्द्रकावचयचटुलचक्षरीकमेवकमीविषय-  
नीकम्, उद्दामोदकाद्विपदशनदश्यमानमृणालिनीशकलसारप्रसरम्, अतुच्छकच्छपाच्छोटमूर्छरपाटीनपृष्ठपीडितुदुग्धद्विषीरपिण्ड-  
शिक्षणितटानितटीनिकटकर्करम्<sup>2</sup>.....

"The waters resound with the cries of the water-fowl hovering about in fear of the alligators enraged at the heavy clash of each other's bodies, and the young fish lie hidden under the lotus beds, scared by the movements of the silent cranes; while the gathering of flowers by anchorites is hampered by the water-snakes prowling inside the lotus beds. The frogs keep quiet on hearing the noise of the fierce fights of ferocious water-serpents; and the ripples are darkened by the bees briskly collecting the spreading honey drops oozing from the inner cavity of the lotus blossoms swayed by the surging waves caused by frenzied crocodiles splashing the water with their claws. The waters are overspread with fragments of lilies chewed by fierce hippopotami; and the contiguous rocks of the mountain slopes are fringed with heavy masses of foam floating on the broad backs of the Pāthina fish, excited by the splash made by huge tortoises."

Among other descriptions of nature the oncoming darkness is described towards the end of Book III, and Book IV opens with an overwrought picture of sunset and the evening twilight. Elaborate descriptions of the seasons occur in Books I and III, and although the imagery is conventional, there are graphic touches; for example, in the portrayal of the flowers and plants of the rainy season when "the fields are uneven with dense masses of mushrooms; the horizon is pink with blossoms of water-pepper plants; the crevices of mountain rocks are delightfully fragrant with jasmine flowers; .....the hill tops are adorned with Girimallikā buds;.....the mountain bowers are gay with Sarja and Arjuna trees; and the leafy petals of the Ketaki flowers glisten, shaped like Cupid's darts." (Book III).

1 Ms. A reads दीप for दीवि.

2 This is the reading of Ms. A. The printed text reads.....शिक्षणितटानितटीनिकटकर्करम्.

The prose hymns in Book VIII are an interesting experiment in Kāvya prose, and illustrate a Jaina literary genre. They are in the form of elaborate prayers addressed to the Pañca-Parameṣṭhins, the five supreme spiritual leaders of the Jaina church, and are in keeping with the character of *Yasastilaka* as a Jaina religious romance composed in Kāvya style. The place of these prose invocations in the devotional scheme outlined by Somadeva has been indicated in a subsequent chapter, and it may here be pointed out that each invocation ends with a verse in the *anustup* metre. There are eight such groups, five addressed to the Parameṣṭhins (Arhat, Siddha, Ācārya, Upādhyāya and Sādhu), and three abstract ones addressed to the Jewels of Right Faith, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct. For example,

ॐ निखिलभुवनपतिविहितनिरतिशयसपर्यापरमरस्य.....विरहितारिरजोरहःकुहकभावस्य  
समवसरणसरोऽवतीर्णजगत्त्रयपुण्डरीकखण्डमार्तण्डमण्डलस्य दुष्पाराजवज्रवीभावजलनिमज्जन्नुजातहस्तावलम्बपरमागमस्य  
भक्तिभरविभक्तविष्टपत्रयीपालमौलिमणिप्रभाभोगनभोविजृम्भमाणचरणनक्षत्रनिकुरुम्बस्य सरस्वतीवरप्रसादचिन्तामणेरलक्ष्मीलता-  
निकेतकल्पानोकहस्य कीर्तिपोतिकाप्रवर्धनकामधेनोरवीचिपरिचयस्वलीकारकारणाभिधानमात्रमन्त्रप्रभावस्य सौभाग्यसौरभसंपादन-  
पारिजातप्रसवस्तवकस्य सौरूप्योत्पत्तिमणिमकरिकाचटनविकटाकारस्य<sup>१</sup>रत्नत्रयपुरःसरस्य भगवतोऽर्हत्परमेष्ठिनोऽष्टतयीमिष्टिं करोमीति  
स्वाहा । अपि च

नरोरगसुराभोजविरोचनरुचिभिरयम् । आरोग्याय जिनाबीशं करोम्यर्चनगोचरम् ॥

"I perform the eightfold worship<sup>2</sup> of the Exalted Arhat Parameṣṭhin preceded by the Three Jewels. All hail! He is continuously worshipped with intense devotion by the lords of all the worlds.....He is free from the deception of Deluding, Knowledge- and Conation-obscuring and Obstructive Karmas.<sup>3</sup> He is a sun to the lotus-bed of the universe appearing in his great audience-hall as on a pool of water. He is the mighty support of the creatures submerged in the impassable waters of transmigration. His feet, like stars, shine in the firmament of the expansive radiance of the crown jewels of the lords of the three worlds, devoutly bowing in obeisance. He is as a wishing gem for obtaining the highest favours of the goddess of learning. He is a Kalpa tree, the support of the creeper of Prosperity. He is as the all-giving celestial cow in nourishing the nascent Fame (of his worshippers). The mere utterance of his name has the efficacy of a magic formula in destroying one's chance of going to hell. He is as a bunch of Pārijāta flowers radiating the fragrance of well-being. He is the imagemaker that creates the bejewelled figure of Beauty's rise. Further, I worship Lord Jina for health. His splendour doth produce

1 Ms. A explains विकटा as पुरालिङ्ग.

2 See Chap. X.

3 Ms. A says अरिर्गोहः । रजो ज्ञानदर्शनावरणद्वयम् । रहः अन्तरावः ।



on men, gods and serpents an effect like that of the rays of the sun on lotus blossoms."

ॐ विदितवेदितव्यस्य वाद्याभ्यन्तराचरणकरणत्रयविश्रुतिप्रपञ्चापगाप्रबहनिर्मलितमनोजकुञ्जकुटुम्बाडम्बरस्य  
अमराडम्बरचरनरनितम्बिनीकदम्बनवप्रादुर्भूतमदनमदमकरन्ददुर्दिनविनोदारविन्दचन्द्रायमाणोदितोदितव्रतव्रातापहसितार्वाचीनचरि-  
त्रच्युतविरिचविरोचनादिवैखानसरसस्य अनेकशशिभुवनक्षोभविधामिभिर्ध्यानधैर्यावघूतविष्णुप्रभूहृदयैरनन्यजनसामान्यवृत्ति-  
भिर्मनोगोचरातिचरैराश्चर्यप्रभावभूमिभिरनवधारितविधानैस्तैर्मूलोत्तरगुणग्रामणीभिस्तपःप्रारम्भैः सकलैहिकसुखसाम्राज्यवरप्र-  
दानावहितायातावधीरितविस्मितोपनतवनवेजतालकालिकुलविलुप्यमानचरणसरसिजपरागस्य निर्वाणपथनिष्ठितात्मनो रत्नत्रयपुरः  
सरस्य भगवतः सर्वसाधुपरमेष्ठिनोऽष्टतयीमिष्टिं करोमीति स्वाहा । अपि च

बोधापगाप्रवाहेण विध्यातानकृत्वङ्गवः । विध्वाराध्वाङ्गवः सन्तु साध्वबोध्याव साधवः ॥<sup>1</sup>

"I perform the eightfold worship of the Exalted, All-holy Sādhū Paramēṣṭhin preceded by the Three Jewels, the Saint who has devoted himself to the path of salvation. All hail! He has comprehended all knowable things, and uprooted the luxuriant grove of passion with the Ganges flow of the purity of mind, body and speech in the external and internal spheres of activity. He has thrown into the shade the religious meditation of inferior and degenerate recluses such as Brahmā, Virocana and others, by dint of the multitude of his own ever-recurring vows, which, like the moon, wither up the honey-laden toy-lotus of frenzied passion, originating in the river of beautiful maids among the gods, men and the Vidyādhara. The dust of his lotus feet is wiped off by the bees in the shape of the hair of the sylvan deities, bowing to him in obeisance, who come to confer on him the boon of worldly happiness in its entire range, but are amazed at being ignored by him on account of his diverse austerities, headed by the vows comprising the Mūla- and the Uttara-guṇas; (austerities) that perturb the three worlds in diverse ways, and remove all obstacles with the strength of meditation, and are extraordinary in character, and beyond the range of thought, and inscrutable in their working, and productive of miraculous power! Further, may the saints whose feet are to be worshipped, according to the prescribed rule, help us to acquire perfect knowledge! They have extinguished the fire of passion with the current of the river of knowledge."

ॐ यत् सकललोकालोकवलोकनप्रतिबन्धकान्धकारविष्वसनम्, अनवस्थाविद्यामन्दाकिर्नानिदानमेदिनीधरम्,  
अशेषसत्त्वोत्सवानन्दचन्द्रोदयम्, अखिलव्रतगुणिसमिहितनारामपुष्पाकरसमयम्, अनल्पफलप्रदायितपःकल्पद्रुमप्रसवभूमिसम्-  
शोषशमसौमनस्यवृत्तिर्धैर्यप्रधानैरनुष्ठीयमानमुशन्ति सद्धाधनाः परमपदप्राप्तेः प्रथममिव सोपानम्, तस्य पवतयात्मनः सर्वक्रियोप-  
शमातिशयावसानस्य सकलमङ्गलविधायिनः पद्मपरमेष्ठिपुरःसरस्य भगवतः सम्यक्चारित्ररत्नस्याष्टतयीमिष्टिं करोमीति स्वाहा  
अपि च

धर्मयोगिनरेन्द्रस्य कर्मवैरिजवाजने । धर्मकृत् सर्वसत्त्वानां धर्मधीर्दृढमाभवे ॥

1 Ms. A says साध्वो बोध्य आत्मा यस्य तत् साध्वबोध्यं केवलज्ञानं तत्तुं.



"I undertake the eightfold worship of the Exalted Jewel of Right Conduct, preceded by the five Parameṣṭhins, and fivefold in character<sup>1</sup> that produces all good, and culminates in the absolute cessation of all forms of activity. All hail! It destroys the darkness that obstructs the view of the entire universe. It is the Himālaya of unblemished knowledge; the moonrise of festive joy to all living creatures; and the springtime of the creepery grove of all the vows and modes of self-restraint<sup>2</sup> and vigilance<sup>3</sup>. It is the nursery of the Kalpa trees of religious austerities that vouchsafe mighty results, and it is practised by those who possess humility, mental calm, a kindly disposition and fortitude. The wise call this Jewel of Right Conduct the first step to the attainment of the supreme goal. Further, intent on Dharma, and for the purpose of vanquishing my enemy, Karma, I resort to the way of life of the Dharmayogin, the best of men. It doth bring happiness to all living creatures."

Somadeva's style is enlivened by the occasional use of popular maxims occurring chiefly in his prose and sometimes also in verses. For example, 'शिरो मुण्डयित्वा नक्षत्रप्रदः' (Book IV): *Enquiring as to an auspicious date for shaving one's head after one has already finished it.* As pointed out by Jacob, *Laukikanyāyāñjali*, Part II, this proverb occurs in the *Nyāyamañjarī* in the form मुण्डितशिरोनक्षत्रान्वेषणम्. The proverb 'श्रेयांसि बहुविघ्नानि' (Book I) occurs at the beginning of a popular verse cited, for example, by Haribhadra at the commencement of his own commentary on his *Anekāntajayapatākā*:

श्रेयांसि बहुविघ्नानि भवन्ति महतामपि । श्रेयांसि प्रवृत्तानां कापि बान्धि विनायकाः ॥

'इतस्तदमितो व्याघ्रः कनास्तु प्राणिनो गतिः' (Book IV): *On one side a precipice, on the other a tiger; how can a living creature pass?* To be between the devil and the deep sea. This and two other similar sayings are cited in *Nalacampū*, Book V: 'इतो व्याघ्र इतस्तटी, इतो दवामिरितो दस्यवः, इतो दुष्टदन्दशक इतोऽप्यन्वकूपः' इति न्यायात् । 'वरकान्तं राज्यम्, बन्धनान्तो नियोगः, मरणान्तः स्त्रीषु विश्वासः, विपदन्ता स्त्रेभ्यु मैत्री' (Books VII & V): *Sovereignty leads to hell, employment to captivity, trust in women to death, and friendship with villains to danger.* 'गतोदके कः खलु सेतुबन्धः' occurs in a verse of Book IV. 'सर्वत्र हे पुत्र न बहुलानि' Ibid.<sup>4</sup> 'को नाम धीमौल्यणाम्बुराशेरुपायनार्थं लवणं नयेत' Ibid.

1 For the fivefold Caritra (conduct) see Chap. XI (section on Caritrabhakti).

2 Effective control over mind, body, and speech (काययुति, वागयुति and मनोयुति). *Tattvārthadhigama-sūtra* 9.4.

3 ईवांसमिति (Proper care in walking), वाचांसमिति (Proper care in speaking), दण्णांसमिति (Proper care in eating), आदानलिङ्गेपसमिति (Proper care in lifting and depositing), and उत्सर्गसमिति (Proper care in excretion). Ibid. 9.5.

4 See Chap. XII.

*What wise man will carry salt for presenting it to the saltsea?* 'इन्द्रवमस्यानं हि गुणदोषयो-  
मेहीवपतः' इति नीतिवाक्यम्, Book VII, section 32. The sense, as far as can be judged  
from the context, seems to be that kings are as liberal as Indra in rewarding  
merit and as strict as Yama in punishing crime. 'राजपरिसूहीतं तुणमपि काचनीमवति'  
Ibid.: *Even a blade of grass belonging to the king becomes as valuable as gold.*  
'घटप्रतिघटन्यायेन' Book IV, 'अन्धकवर्तकीयम्' Book II, verse 153: The maxim of the  
blind man and the quail'. 'को नाम कैलमारोहेदकैः लक्ष्मणः सुवीः' Book III, verse 73,  
is a variation of the wellknown maxim अकैः चेन्मनु विन्देत किमर्थं पर्वतं ब्रजेत् discussed by  
Jacob (op. cit.), Part I. The following maxims bearing on the character of  
women occur in Book IV: स्त्रियः सखेभ्यु रज्यन्ते दासहस्तिपकादिषु' इति, 'अपात्रे रमते नारी' इति  
वचनमस्ति । अत एवोचन्ति नीतिवेदिनः- 'तैरथोऽपि पुंयोगः स्त्रियो दूषयति, किं पुनर्न मानुषः' १. The last of  
these maxims is also cited by Somadeva in *Nītivākyaṃṛta*: स्त्रीणां दौर्लभं स्त्रिय एव  
कुर्युस्तैरथोऽपि पुंयोगः १.

Somadeva has an eye for the grotesque, as exemplified in his  
description of the elephant driver in Book IV and the king's spy in Book  
III. His power to depict the strange and the terrible is illustrated not  
only in his remarkable picture of Caṇḍamāri and the Mahābhairava temple  
in Book I but in the description of the scenes of horror conjured up by a  
Vidyādhara to disturb the meditation of the sage Manmathamathana, in  
Book V, and the similar scenes created by two gods to test the steadfast-  
ness of Jinadatta and Padmaratha in their austerities, in the first story of  
Book VI. Disease and disgusting conditions are delineated in the story of  
Auddāyana in Book VI (section 9); while Amṛtamati, stricken with leprosy  
after her crime, is introduced in a verse of Book V. Curious examples of  
abusive language are found in the story of the Vidyādhara mentioned above,  
who is discovered in the act of molesting the sage Manmathamathana by the  
king of the Vidyādharas, and addressed by the latter thus :

अरे कदाचाराचार पराकुरात्मन् बलपुरोभागिन् विद्याधराधम खेचरखेट विहायोपमयाप्य विवर्णखेल हेठ  
नरकनिवास पापाचार बहुकुमतिभूतचित्त गुणमटह मिहीन गन्धर्वलोकापसद मातरिपुरुष.....

Similarly, in the story of Śrībhūti in Book VII (section 27), the  
dishonest priest is rebuked by the king in opprobrious language. The  
incorporation of the religious and moral tales in Books VI and VII gives  
the author an opportunity of presenting scenes not usually found in Sanskrit  
prose romances.

1 The translation of the verse in question in chapter XI follows Śrīnāṣāgara's explanation  
of the maxim. Vardhamāna, on *Goparajamānabodadhi* III. 195, explains it differently.  
See Jacob ( p. cit.), Part I.

Frequent and sometimes felicitous use of similes is made by Somadeva in his narrative and descriptive prose. Vajrakumāra was, for instance, adorned by his youth, 'just as a desert path is adorned by a shady tree; just as a shady tree is adorned by a pool of water; just as a pool of water is adorned by a lotus-bed; just as a lotus-bed is adorned by a flock of swans; just as a flock of swans is adorned by the company of beautiful women; and just as the company of beautiful women is adorned by the graceful play of love'.<sup>1</sup> After the discovery of Amṛtamati's guilt, Yaśodhara's heart burnt like a tree enveloped by fire; he was furious like the ocean overflowing its shores; he changed countenance like the moon attacked by Rāhu, and trembled like creatures at the approach of death; his lips quivered like a leaf that is being cut to pieces: he frowned like Śiva intent on burning the Three Cities; and his bosom was aglow like a heated cauldron.<sup>2</sup> The guilty woman, after her transgression, crept back to her husband's bed and slept, clinging to his bosom, like as a female rogue elephant enters a grove of trees, just as a sheet of lightning plunges into a rain-cloud, just as a serpent enters a mountain cave, just as the messenger of death enters the world, just as a crocodile enters the ocean, or a female goblin the dense woods.<sup>3</sup> This may be contrasted with another series of similes, in which the conjugal harmony of Candramati and her consort Yaśorgha is likened to the relationship existing between wise policy and a kingdom, forbearance and religious austerities, modesty and learning, fame and life, the Flag of triumph and the god of love, mango blossoms and springtime, the Kalpa creeper and a tree of heaven, and a series of beneficial happenings and a sacred day of religious piety.<sup>4</sup> A long series of similes occurs also in Yaśodhara's reflections on women as an indispensable factor in the joys of life. Without women, a kingdom is like a forest, ornaments are like the decoration of a dead body, beauty paint is like smearing of clay, adornment of the body is like shampooing a man who is asleep, the flurry of fly-whisks and parasols is like the worship of evil spirits, the practice of the arts is like a device for wasting time, the study of poetry is like an attempt to remove the irritation of the mouth, deliberations in the council chamber are like possession by evil spirits, public audience is like entering a prison, music is like a loud sermon on the futility of life, the sound of drums is like a trumpet proclaiming the banishment of worldly happiness, mansions are

1 'मरुमार्ग इव छायापादयेन, छायापादप इव जलाशयेन, जलाशय इव कमलाकरेण' etc. Book VI, section 16.

2 'आशुशुष्कणिकशीकृतः क्षितिर्ह इव दक्षमानान्तर्देहः, च्युतमर्यादमुद्रः समुद्र इवानिवार्यकोपमत्सरः' etc. Book IV.

3 'कुजनिकुसुमिव व्याली, पर्जन्योत्सङ्गमिव सौदामिनी, कुत्सीलकन्दरमिव मुजङ्गी' etc. Ibid.

4 'नीतिरिव राज्यस्य, क्षान्तिरिव तपसः, अनुत्सेकस्वित्तिरिव सुगन्धः, कीर्तिरिव जीवितव्यस्य, विजयवैजयन्तीव मनसिजस्य' etc. Book II.

like mountain caves, pleasure gardens are like charnel-fields, protecting one's subjects is like wage-earning, conciliation of the citizens is like the rounds of a city barber, execution of the six-fold policy is like the crossing of a dried up river, and the effort to acquire wealth is like dancing in the dark.<sup>1</sup>

Yasodhara's disgust for the world and decision to renounce the world is brought into harmony with the morning scenery in a series of appropriate similes. "The east cleared up like my own decision. The stars vanished like my desire for sovereignty. The lunar orb grew dim like my passion of love. The day lotus beds blossomed forth like the disgust of my heart. The darkness of the night disappeared like my desire for worldly happiness. The glow of the early dawn melted away like the snare of my delusion."<sup>2</sup>

Rather bold and exaggerated similes are used to praise the Śiprā river in Book V. Its waters are bright as a stream of nectar and beautiful as the oozings from moonstones, and delight the world like the Supreme Light. Abstract similes are sometimes used to describe concrete objects, e. g., in the description of the great forest in Book V: it is impenetrable like the heart of a wicked man, dreadful like the hour of universal destruction, deep like the science of numbers, intricate like the character of a woman, infested with mischievous thorns like a period of anarchy, harmful like a villain's counsel, and inaccessible like the heart of a prince<sup>3</sup>. Some of the similes are marred by word-play, and a typical example is the comparison of the forest just mentioned to Raghu's family, simply because both happen to contain 'Māgadhi', which, applied to the forest, means a *pippali* creeper; and applied to the family in question means Sudakṣiṇā, the consort of Dilīpa.<sup>4</sup> Simpler and more tolerable is the comparison of king Yaśorgha, also based on verbal similarity, to the autumn, the spring and the other seasons.<sup>5</sup> Similes based on paronomasia are in fact a common feature of the Kāvya style, and it is perhaps significant that Somadeva's romance opens with a long series of similes of this type (*śliṣṭopamā*).<sup>6</sup> They are used also in the description of the great tree in the valley of the Suvēla mountain in Book V.<sup>7</sup>

1 'विना हि विलासिनीजनेनारण्यमिवेदं राज्यम्, द्यूतकमण्डनमिवाभरणम्, पट्टोपदेह इव विलेपनम्, सुप्तसंवाहनमिव शरीरसंस्कारः, प्रकरणमिव त्रामरातपत्राङ्गणम्, कालहरणोपाय इव कलानामभ्यासः, तुण्डकण्डूविनयनमिव काव्याध्ववनम्' etc. Book IV.

2 'मत्कार्यपरिच्छेदेनेव स्फुटितं पूर्वदिग्भागेन, मद्राज्याभिलाषेणैव विरलीभूतं तारकनिकरेण, मन्मनसिजविलासेनेव विच्छादितमिन्दुविम्बेन, मञ्जिराग्न्यभनसेव विकसितमरविन्दबृन्देन' etc. Book IV.

3 'दुर्जनदृश्यमिव दुष्प्रवेशम्, प्रलयकालमिव भयानकम्, निगद्योगममिव गहनावसानम्, ..... वामेक्षणान्तरितमिव स्वभावविषमम्' etc.

4 'रघुर्वंशमिव मागधीप्रभवम्'.

5 'शरत्समय इव प्रतापवर्धितमित्रमण्डलः' etc. Book II.

6 'यत्र महानृपतय इव गोमण्डलवन्तः, चक्रवर्तिमिव इव मञ्जिरीसमाकुलाः, भरतप्रयोगा इव सगन्धर्वाः ..... ग्रामाः ।'

7 'ककुत्स्थकथावतार इव कपिकुलविदुष्यमानपलाशप्रसरः, सत्रमण्डप इव दिजराजविराजितः ..... छन्दःप्रसार इव पादप्रपन्नावरुद्धवृष्टयः' etc.

Other examples of word-play are not very numerous considering the bulk of the romance. The device is aptly used in the satirical description of the wicked minister in Book III. The spy says, for instance, that the minister is indeed the *vardhana* or 'promoter' of the prosperity of the kingdom, but the word means also 'cutter', 'destroyer'. Similarly, he is the cause of *vibhūti* 'glory', but the word means also 'ashes'; and he is also the maker of a series of *maṅgalas*, which means both 'happy events' and 'potsherds'.<sup>1</sup> There is likewise a long series of compounds in Book II, which describes in identical language the condition of kings, both when they are favoured by Yaśorgha and when they incur his displeasure. When, for instance, the great king is displeased with them, their lot is *tīrthopāsana*, i. e. deprived of their kingdoms, they pass their days in sacred places for the practice of religion; but when Yaśorgha is favourable to them, they have *tīrthopāsana* of another kind, i. e. enjoy the loyalty of the various components of the state in full sovereignty of the realm<sup>2</sup>. Similarly, another series of compounds describes simultaneously a pleasure garden and a crowd of beautiful women in a description of the summer in Book III. *Virodhābhāsa*s and *Parisamkhyā*s, based on word-play, are also met with, but their number is not large. The description of the royal palace towards the end of Book II contains some highly artificial examples of *Virodhābhāsa*.

The most typical of the characteristics of the later Kāvya style is, however, exhibited by the use of *Utprekṣā*s which are frequently employed in our work. A series of *Utprekṣā*s is used, for example, in Book I, to describe a hill, which is fancied as the bosom of Dame Earth, as the play-ball of some sylvan deity, as a sweetmeat ball given to the boyish Regions of the sky by their mothers, as the hump of the Earth Bull, as a mound barring the entrance to the nether regions, and as the supporting roost of the Sky Bird<sup>3</sup>! *Utprekṣā*s are generally used to give greater perspicuity to an image and make it more striking and graphic, but very often the effect produced is rather bizarre and grotesque, although there are numerous exceptions. Those employed, for instance, to describe *Caṇḍamārī* are quite in keeping with the dread character of the goddess, who is fancied as the younger sister of Yama, as the mother of *Mahākāla-Śiva*, as the messenger of the god of death, as the companion of the *Kālāgni* form of Śiva associated with the hour of universal

1 'देव, देवस्यावनेव राज्यलक्ष्मीवल्लीवर्धनः । देव, देवस्यावनेव मङ्गलपरम्परारसपादनः । ..... देव, देवस्यावनेव समरेषु कवचिभूतिप्रकरणम् ।'

2 'प्रवितवीर्षोपासनाविर्भवदाश्चर्यैर्दर्याः ..... स्वस्य रोपतोषयोः समतामानिन्विरे भूमिमुजः ।'

3 'स्वनाभोग इव महीमहिषावाः, कीडाकन्दुक इव वनदेवतावाः, माण्डोदक इव दिग्वाण्मल्लोकास्त' etc.

destruction, as the stewardess of the kitchen of the awful Mothers<sup>1</sup>, as the nurse of the monsters, as the ground where the kinsmen of the god of death worship the Manes, and as the Night of destruction of all living creatures.<sup>2</sup> Not so successful is the attempt to reproduce the nasty spectacle of a serpent half buried in an anthill. The reptile is fancied as the intestines of the Earth Antelope, as the tail of the Earth Lioness, as the root of the Earth Creeper, as the stalk of the Earth Lily, and as the lock of hair of the Earth figured as a female monster.<sup>3</sup>

The constant desire to add new images tends to make Utprekṣās farfetched and artificial, and sometimes a good image is spoilt by juxtaposition with others less effective. As is to be expected, Utprekṣās occur mostly in descriptions; and some characteristic examples are provided by the natural descriptions in our romance. The Sīprā river is, for example, fancied as a girdle of moonstones worn by the city of Ujjayinī like a graceful lady, as the pleasure tank of the mistresses of the king of Mālava, as a festive banner flying over the nether regions, as a nuptial garland for the wayside mountains, as a pearlstring worn by the Earth goddess, as a banner proclaiming the fame of the mountain from which the river rises, and as an irrigation canal for the gems in the ocean.<sup>4</sup> Similarly, in the rainy season the sky seems to be a shower-bath for the earth long scorched by heat; the mountains with the waters of the cascades streaming down their sides appear to have white banners covering their slopes; and the lakes, full to the brim, seem to be ceremonial vessels of water, a parental offering to the Summer dead and gone!<sup>5</sup> Another series of Utprekṣās occurs in the description of the temples of Rājapura in Book I. The tall, white edifices are fancied as clusters of flowers of the Sky tree, as white lights of the firmament, as masses of lotus blossoms adorning the crest of the Sky Goddess, as places for the acquisition of vast

1 The seven Mātṛs are mentioned in the following verse quoted by Śrutasāgara: ब्रह्माणी च तवेन्द्राणी वाराही भैरवी तथा । चासुष्मा कर्णमोटी च चर्वा स्तुः सप्त मातरः ॥ For other definitions, and the number of the Mothers, which is sometimes given as nine, see the English trans. of *Naiṣadha-carita*, Vocab. under अम्बिका.

2 'या च लवीयसी भूमिनीव यमस्य, जननीव महाकाकस्य, इतिकेव कृतान्तस्य, सहचरीव कलाग्निहृदस्य, महानसिकीव मातुसण्डकस्य' etc.

3 'पुरीतलप्रानमिव मेदिनीकुटुम्बिकायाः, काङ्कलिन महीतिहिकाया' etc. Book V.

4 'इन्दुमणिमेखलेव पद्मावलीविकासिन्धवाः, जलकैलिदीर्घिकेव माङ्गवावलीपाण्डुविकासिनीनाम्, नित्योत्सवपताकेव पुनःपुनःकोकस्य, वरुणमात्रेण मार्गमहीवराणाञ्च' etc. Ibid.

5 'विरवरातपसंतापदुःखितायाः क्षितेर्यन्मघारागरीकामिव विप्रति गगनमण्डले.....निदावनिवापञ्जकसरावेभिव निर्देगम्भःसंश्लेषेण सरन्तु' Book III.

religious merit by the pious of the three worlds, as expanses of the foam of the atmospheric ocean, as gleams of the loud laugh of Śiva incarnate as the sky, as crystal pleasure hills of the planetary world, and as elephant cubs of the Sky Forest belonging to the (white) Airāvata family.<sup>1</sup>

Accumulations of Rūpakas are occasionally met with, for example, in the description of Māradatta as the lover of women of different nationalities.<sup>2</sup> The lengthy series of epithets, mostly Rūpakas, applied to Yaśodhara in the letter despatched to a rival,<sup>3</sup> illustrates a current practice in royal correspondence and inscriptional records of grants and endowments. Some of the epithets are as follows: "The Sunrise of prowess; Brahman himself in wisdom; an ocean of discernment; a swan participating in the joyful sports of the goddess of learning; the beloved consort of poetic speech; a Vidyādhara in the game of ball-throwing; an Indra in playing with rutting elephants; an Aruṇa in chariot-driving; a Garuḍa in fighting on foot; a Gandharva king in singing; a Bṛhaspati in the science of instrumental music; a Bharata in the art of dancing;..... a Paraśurāma in self-sacrifice; an axe in the jungle of hostilities; a lion to the 'fawn' of Kalinga<sup>4</sup>; a blaze to the 'bamboo clump' of Āśmaka; a fire to the 'moth' of the Śāka country; a flame consuming the king of Krathakaisika; the crest-jewel of the Kṣatriyas of Ahicchatra; Deathknell to the insubordination of the king of Pañcāla; a thunder-bolt to the royal dynasty of Kerala; lightning-fire to the Yavana Tree;<sup>5</sup> the subject of pleasant disputes among the beautiful women of Cedi; the luxury mirror of the women of Magadha; a tender leaf on the plump bosoms of the ladies of Kāñci; a love-god to the youthful Ratis of Māhismati; the beauty-paint of the ruddy lips of the fair women of Kauśāmbī; the ear-ornament of the women of Daśārṇa; the passionate lover of the courtesans of Pāṭaliputra; a bee enjoying the graceful gestures of the beautiful women of Valabhī; the perfumed ornamental dot on the foreheads of the women of Ayodhyā." A reference to the original will show that most of these epithets are used with an eye to verbal effect, to which Kāvya poets paid considerable attention.

1 'मनुजस्यवैरिवान्तरिक्षकुलस्य, नेतृपसुहृन्निरीत रोदधोदरस्य' etc.

2 'आन्ध्रीनामलम्पसुरीविश्वम्भनकरः, चोलीषु भूखानर्धनमकवालिः, केरलीनां नयनरीषिकानेतिहासः, सिद्धलीषु कुलकलमकरम्भपानमयुक्तः, कर्णाटीनां कुक्कुटशक्तिमत्पञ्चनः, सौराष्ट्रीषु वलिवाहिनीविबोदकुजरः, कम्बोजीनां नाभिलसजिगर्भसंयोगयुग्मजः, पञ्चवीषु नितम्बसलीलेकनकुरङ्गः, कलिङ्गीनां वक्त्रकिसक्योत्सवपुष्पाकरः ।'

3 See chap. V.

4 'Fawn', 'Bamboo clump' and 'Moth' are contemptuous references to the kings of the respective countries.

5 i. e. the Yavana king.



The Rūpakas used are not, all of them, equally successful. The courtesan whose dead body forms the subject of the verse description in Book I was 'the pleasure resort of the apish minds of all who are henchmen of the god of love'.<sup>1</sup> The nights of the rainy season are 'the female buffaloes who nourish the child minds of the women going out to meet their lovers'.<sup>2</sup> A young man who took the help of a nurse in his love affairs is described as having made her a field for the growth of the woodland of his project.<sup>3</sup> A certain sage is called 'an elephant engaged in water-sports in the river of learning'.<sup>4</sup> A particularly bad example is the description of another sage as 'an enclosure for the capture of the elephant herd of religious merit'.<sup>5</sup>

Neglect of proportion is a common characteristic of later Kāvya style, and overelaboration of details often leads to the use of artificial conceits and hyperboles. Somadeva, for instance, devotes no less than twenty elaborate and mostly far-fetched epithets to Māradatta's sword (Book I, p. 161), and an almost equal number is applied to the dust raised by Yaśodhara's troops (Book II, p. 337). The particles of dust are incidentally likened in an elaborate fashion to lovers enjoying the company of their beloved, because they enshroud and cling to the various limbs of the women accompanying the procession.<sup>6</sup> The height of the temples of Rājapura is conveyed by saying that 'the showers of water streaming from the conduits made of moonstones, emitting moisture in contact with the rays of the moon, drench the bodies of the nymphs of heaven, withered by the fire of separation from their lovers'.<sup>7</sup> Sometimes a conceit employed is exaggerated to the extent of producing something like a comic effect. In the description of the great hospitable tree in Book V, for example, the tree is fancied as mockingly addressing other trees in the forest on the subject of their being barren and useless for wayfarers.<sup>8</sup>

1 'येतोमवानुचरमानवमनोमर्कटकीरावनविहारवसतिः'.

2 'मभिसारिकावनमनोऽपलपोवणपर्वः शर्वर्यः'.

3 'लकीयाकृतकान्तारप्रवर्धनपरित्रीमकरोद्' Book VII, section 31.

4 'सरस्वतीसिखरकेलिकुजरः' Book V.

5 'पुष्पद्विपद्ममन्त्रवाहिः' Book VI, section 19.

6 'ततः सेन्यसीमन्तिनीचरणमभिरुपगम्यमानसाम्नीतप्रसूतासंवाहनविनोदकर्माणः कृतनितम्बलकीखेक्येदाः संवन्तितामिदं कुहरविहरणाः ..... समाचरितसीमन्तामन्तनुम्वनाः स्वयित्तुरतसमागमाः प्रियतमा इव ..... वरुसंवरचरेणवः ।'.

7 'अद्युतकरातपस्पर्शद्रवचन्द्रकान्तमयमणिकोच्छलज्ज्वलज्वालासारसिन्धुमानमिवद्विहारिणीविरहवैश्वानरकर्मवैरक्षरीरवह्निः'.

8 'यद्वचनचरतमसिखजनोपसेव्यमानसर्वस्वः पवनचशमिकाशपरेण वरुणापरेणोपहससीव मसिनेशितकम् । 'असिन् पुन्यं चारे कान्तारे देवादवाप्यमानसमामनल्लाम्बिजनलामिनाम कमनुपकारमरे क्षरि, किं त्वान्तासारतया । सरु, इवेदं सरुलम् ..... पुत्रीक, मयिजनाशकम्पाम् जगतां वसितिः ।'



One of the topics which makes later Sanskrit writers throw off all restraint is fame, usually the fame of kings. Apart from poetical descriptions of royal fame, Somadeva gives an elaborate picture of the fame of the sage Sudatta (Book I), which illustrates how Kāvya poets seek novelty in the treatment of conventional themes by introducing fanciful images and conceits. The description in question may be summarised thus. "The universe having been pervaded by Sudatta's fame, white as the foam of milk, Brahman is anxious lest the white things created by him should be merged in the general whiteness and lost to view. So he devises signs of recognition, and puts the submarine fire in the Ocean of Milk, masses of matted hair on Śiva's head, a dark spot in the form of a deer in the moon, protuberances on the heads of Airāvata and other divine elephants, mineral peaks on the Himālayas, Tamāla trees on the slopes of the Kailāsa mountain, the dark waters of the Yamunā in the course of the Ganges, and yellow filaments in white lotus blossoms; while he prescribes for the Pāñcājanya conch contact with the dark hands of Kṛṣṇa. Sudatta's fame is also represented as a maiden in her nuptial attire, wandering in the universe and rejecting various suitors for her hand on different grounds. She tells Brahman, for instance, that he is too old to accompany her in her travels; tells Agni, the god of fire, that he is hardly fit for marriage, suffering as he does from acute jaundice; and rejects Varuṇa, the lord of the ocean, because he is disabled by dropsy and hence debarred from the gaities of love. Vāyu, the wind-god, is too fickle for her, and she tells Kubera, the god of wealth, that a confirmed drunkard like him<sup>1</sup> is not fit to converse with a maiden like her. Śiva who lives near funeral pyres is, of course, ruled out; and she warns the Moon that his life is in danger on account of his incurable consumption, and tells Viṣṇu that, being a baldpate with a scalp resembling an iron cauldron turned upside down, he is not worthy of her kisses.<sup>2</sup> Unable to accept any one of them, Maiden Fame continues to wander without abiding anywhere, like a doe deluded by a mirage, like the mind of a king who has lost his throne, like the intellect of a sage who has attained the inner vision." There is no doubt that this description of fame shows considerable ingenuity, but the reckless elaboration of a favourite theme all but makes it verge on the comic.<sup>3</sup>

1 'अमरतमधुपानपरिच्युतमतिप्रकाश विविध, न गोचरद्वयुरोक्तिस्तुषारसास्वादविस्तुरितश्रवणाकलिपुटायाः सहाकापगोष्ठी-  
नाम्' इति जम्बूवर्णितम् ।

2 'अवतानकाण्यसतस्त्रिकाकृतिललतिमस्तकदेश इपीकेन, न समीपमद्यकचमद्वयविलिपिप्रःवाः कुटिलकुम्भतलविलविलोचन-  
मुन्मनाम्' इति मुकुन्दम् ।

3 Certain other gods are also mentioned, including a vulgar reference to Indra.

An interesting example of Kaku-Vakrokti is found in Amṛtamati's fraudulent message to Yaśodhara, in which she begs to be allowed to accompany the king into wilderness after his proposed renunciation of the world. Yaśodhara, while listening to the message, interjects sarcastic remarks which appear to corroborate her statements, but really give them a different interpretation reflecting on her character. Portions of the message may be reproduced here, Yaśodhara's remarks being put within brackets. Amṛtamati says: 'I will accompany Your Majesty, just as the tide accompanies the ocean (That is why you are fickle); just as the image of the moon accompanies the sky (That is why you have a black spot<sup>1</sup>); just as the shade accompanies a tree (That is why you are enjoyed by others); just as the track accompanies a chariot (That is why you are 'full of dust'<sup>2</sup>); just as the flame accompanies a lamp (That is why you emit 'smoke'<sup>3</sup>); just as sylvan beauty accompanies the spring (That is why you are full of Cupid's lore); just as the Ganges is the companion of the Himālayas (That is why you seek a lower<sup>4</sup> level)'.<sup>5</sup>

Instances of Yamakas are occasionally found. A device used more than once is the Śṛṅkhalayamaka which consists in the continuous repetition of the last syllables of a series of compounds at the beginning of each succeeding compound. For example,

यः स्वत्वेनेकविकिरकुलकामिनीनिशितशिखोल्लेखनसमुत्पलिलित्यमानशास्त्राभुजशिक्षरः, शिक्षरशिक्षाङ्गमरित...  
कुपलपर्यन्तः, कुपलपर्यन्तः.....पल्लवपुटपटलः, पल्लवपुटपटलान्तरालः.....पथिकसारथः, पथिकसारथः.....  
सहचरीनिचयः, सहचरीनिचयः.....छायाच्छन्नतलदेशः, छायाच्छन्नतलदेशः.....

As pointed out by Jacobi, the Śṛṅkhalayamaka is used by Siddharṣi in *Upamitibhavaprapaṇcā kathā*, p. 752. Haribhadra too has used this device in verses in his *Samarāṅgacakāḥ*.<sup>6</sup>

The mixture of prose and verse is a salient feature of *Yaśastilaka* which is one of the two earliest extant Campūs, the first being Trivikrama's *Nalacampū* written during the reign of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa Emperor Indra

1 i. e. a blot on her character.

2 'a lewd woman'.

3 i. e. disgrace.

4 i. e. a paramour of lower rank.

5 'देवसाहं सहचरी.....जलनिवेर्गेण अत एव चपलसि, लभसः कश्चिप्रतिमेव अत एव सकलद्वारि, विदपिनश्छायेव अत एवान्योपभोग्यासि,.....रसस्य भागेभूमिरेव अत एव पाण्डुकासि । प्रदीपस्य शिखेव अत एव मलिनोद्धारसि, वसन्तस्य वनलक्ष्मीरेव अत एव अन्धवक्त्रासनायासि.....हिमनिवेर्गेण अत एव नीचावगतासि .....'

6 See B. I. ed., pp. 79, 423-4, 449, etc.

III in the first quarter of the tenth century. It will be out of place to trace here the growth of Sanskrit narrative composition in mixed prose and verse, the origins of which go back to Vedic literature as well as Buddhist writings in Pāli and Sanskrit. There is, however, no doubt that this form of composition became popular in the Deccan in the tenth century in Sanskrit as well as Kanarese literature.<sup>1</sup> Apart from the romances of Trivikrama and Somadeva, the Kudlur grant of the Ganga king Mārasimha, elaborately composed in Sanskrit prose and verse, and containing a detailed account of the Ganga dynasty, was issued in 963 A. D. about five years after the composition of Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*.<sup>2</sup> As regards Kanarese literature, Pampa wrote his famous works *Ālipurāṇa* and *Pampa Bhārata* in mixed prose and verse in 941 A. D., and the *campū* style continued to be popular in that literature for a long period after. Among notable later examples of the mixed style may be mentioned Nāgacandra's *Pampa Rāmāyaṇa* (circa 1105 A. D.) and Nemicandra's *Līlāvati* (circa 1170 A. D.), 'the earliest known specimen of the Novel, or genuine work of fiction, of the Kanarese language'.<sup>3</sup> Somadeva wrote his *Yasastilaka* less than two decades after the composition of Pampa's works; and being a native of Kārṇāṭaka, he may have been influenced by the prevailing Kanarese literary style of his time. As we have already pointed out, Pampa was court-poet of Arikesarin II who reigned at Puligere (Lakshmesvar, Dharwar District), while Somadeva wrote at Gangadhārā during the reign of one of his successors. Another noteworthy point is that most of the Kanarese writers of the tenth century and after were Jainas, and it is highly probable that they as well as Somadeva were influenced by the example of the great Jaina Prākṛit romances in mixed prose and verse, e. g., the *Samarāñcakahā* of Haribhadra and the *Kuvalayamālā* of Uddyotana<sup>4</sup> composed in the eighth century. The extensive allegorical novel *Upamitibhavaprapañcā kathā* of Siddharṣi composed in prose and verse in 906 A. D. is an early example of a Jaina romance written in Sanskrit under similar influences, though not in Kāvya style. Comprehensive Jaina narrative works in Prākṛit using prose and verse indiscriminately continued to be written till long after the eighth century, e. g., Guṇacandra's *Mahāvīracarita* (1082 A. D.),<sup>5</sup> Somaprabha's *Kumārāpālāpratibodha* (1184

1 See Rice: *Kanarese Literature*.

2 *Annual Report of the Mysore Archaeological Department* for 1921.

3 Rice (op. cit.), p. 43.

4 For *Kuvalayamālā* see *Bhāratīya Vidyā*, Vol. II, p. 77

5 *Annals of the Bhandarkar O. R. Institute*, Vol. XVI, p. 37.

1. b.) etc. While Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, like Trivikrama's *Nalacampū*, is essentially a work written in Sanskrit Kāvya style, its Jaina characteristics and the probable influence exercised by the Jaina Prakrit romances on its style and composition cannot entirely be ignored.

Dialogues in prose and verse add to the interest of Somadeva's work. The controversial dialogue in Book IV has been dealt with elsewhere, and we may refer to the story of Padmā in Book VII, section 31, which is practically in the form of dialogues linked together by brief narrative passages. The story contains two main dialogues cast in a dramatic form which could be easily adapted to the stage. That between the bawd and Padmā is reproduced below: एकदा मुवा .....ता पुष्पकान्तामुदित्य इकोकमुदासार्णत् ।

जीपु बन्धान्न गङ्गेन परमोपगमापि वा । मन्मिमात्रेव सोच्छासं प्रिवते मूर्ध्नि संमुखा ॥

भट्टिनी (स्वगतम्) — इत्थरीजनावरणहर्म्यनिर्माणाय प्रथमसूत्रपात इवायं वाक्योपोद्घातः । ..... (प्रकाशम्)  
आर्ये, किमस्य सुभाषितस्य ऐदंपर्यम् ।

धार्त्री — परमसौभाग्यमागिनि भट्टिनि, जानासि एवास्य सुभाषितस्य कैपर्यम्, यदि न वञ्चयितुं हृदयासि ।

भट्टिनी — (स्वगतम्) सत्यं वञ्चयितुं हृदयाहम्, यदि भवत्प्रमुक्तोपघातपुणजर्जरितकाया न भविष्यामि । (प्रकाशम्)  
आर्ये, हृदयेऽभितोविष्टमर्थं श्रोतुमिच्छामि ।

धार्त्री — बत्से, कथयामि । किं तु

चित्तं द्वयोः पुरत एव निवेदनीयं ज्ञानाभिमानधनधन्यधिवा भरेण ।

नः प्रार्थितं न रहस्यमिषुज्यमानो वो वा भवेत्तु जनो मनसोऽनुकूलः ॥

भट्टिनी — (स्वगतम्) अहो नमःप्रकृतिमपीयं पक्षैरपलेप्सुमिच्छति । (प्रकाशम्) आर्ये, उभयत्रापि समर्थाई न चैतन्मनुष्यं  
भवदुपक्रमं वा ।

धार्त्री — (स्वगतम्) अनुगुणेयं सत्तु कार्यपरिणतिः ..... (प्रकाशम्) अत एव भद्रे, वदन्ति पुराणविदः—  
विश्वरूपोः कलत्रेण गोतमस्यामरेश्वरः । संतपोश्चापि दुष्कर्मा समगंस्त पुरा किञ्च ॥

भट्टिनी — आर्ये, एवमेव । यतः

जीर्णां वपुर्वन्मुभिरभिजातिर्कं परत्र विकीर्तयितुं न मानसम् ।

स एव तस्याधिपतिर्मेवः कृती विजयभगर्मा ननु यत्र सिद्धिः ॥

धार्त्री — पुत्रि, तर्हि धूयताम् । त्वं किलैकया कस्यचित् कुसुमकिंसारनिर्विशेषवपुः .....  
प्रासादपरिसरविहारिणी वीक्षणपथानुसारिणी सती कौमुदीव हृदयचन्द्रकान्तानन्दस्वन्दसंपादिनी अभूः । तत्प्रकृति  
ननु तस्य मदनसुन्दरस्य भूतः .....  
प्रतिवासरं कार्योपहारः, स्मराराधनप्रणीतप्रणिधानलोकेन्द्रियेषु सज्जता, प्राणेषु वायव्यनीपया कथा । अपि च  
अनवरतजकाङ्क्षादोक्तनस्त्वन्मन्दैरतिसरसकृन्नालीकन्दकैर्वाग्वाग्ः ।  
अमृततर्पितरीविप्रैरिदितयां भित्तायां विपसन्ति सुहृदो किंविदात्मप्रवेष्टः ॥

महिषी — माँ, मिलियतानि गोपायते ।

यात्री — (कर्मजाह्नमुत्तल) एषमेवम् ।

महिषी — को दोषः ।

यात्री — क्या ।

महिषी — वरा तुभ्यं रोषते ।

The above dialogue is of interest as presenting a lifelike picture of a procuress attempting to seduce a respectable married woman at the instance of a young man of high social standing. There is some resemblance between the Sanskrit dialogue and the first Mime of the *Mimiambi* of the Greek poet Herodas, a collection of Mimes or dramatic dialogues of a literary character, composed about the third century B. C.<sup>1</sup> In the Mime in question the bawd Gyllis visits Metriche, a well-to-do young lady, whose husband Mandris<sup>2</sup> has been away in Egypt for nearly a year, and tries to persuade her to accept a wealthy young man who has vehemently fallen in love with her, and employed the old woman as a go-between. Metriche politely but firmly rejects her proposal and dismisses her with a cheering cup of wine. In both the versions the bawd is an old woman, the husband is or expected to be away, and the passion of the admirer is eloquently described, but the mission ends in failure owing to the loyalty of the young wife. There are, however, important points of difference. The Sanskrit dialogue forms part of a moral and religious tale illustrating the evil consequences of unlawful love, while the Mime is a faithful representation of the seamy side of contemporary life. Further, the sequel is different in the Indian tale, as Padmā, the chaste wife of the priest, instead of dismissing the bawd in a friendly spirit, like Metriche, pretends to accept her proposal, and hatches a plot to trap the young libertine. The Mime is no doubt by far the more realistic in tone and expression; but the treatment, as dramatic dialogue, is no less vivid in the Sanskrit story. Obscure allusions occur in both the Sanskrit dialogue and the Greek Mime. Somadeva employs the ornate style of the Sanskrit drama in prose and verse; while Herodas uses only verse, but in an artificial dialect. The dramatic qualities of the dialogues in the story of Padmā are also present to a lesser extent in the dialogue between Yasodhara and his mother in Book IV, though the importance of the latter is socio-religious rather than literary.

1 Text and Trans. in Otto Crusius: *Die Mimiamben des Herondas*.....umgearbeitet von Rudolf Herzog, Leipzig, 1926; and Knox: *Herodes* etc. (*Loeb Classical Library*).

2 Korte (*Hellenistic Poetry*, p.329) thinks Mandris is Metriche's lover.

## CHAPTER V

### YASASTILAKA AS A SOCIO-POLITICAL RECORD

As we have already pointed out, *Yasastilaka* throws considerable light on contemporary life and society, especially court life and administration; and the available data may be classed under three heads: court life, problems of statecraft and social conditions.

#### COURT LIFE

A glance at the Synopsis and Chapter VII (the section on Court poetry) will show that Books II and III of *Yasastilaka* contain valuable information on medieval court life; and the conditions described therein are chiefly applicable to an Imperial court, which, as suggested in a previous chapter, could be no other than that of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa emperors about the middle of the tenth century. Somadeva describes the ceremonies connected with the birth, nuptials and the coronation of the prince, and draws a series of vivid pictures of the various activities of the court. On the intellectual side we have weighty discussions of an academic character: sometimes the king listens to an elaborate debate on the guiding principles of policy;<sup>1</sup> sometimes he discusses important verses of the *Arthaśāstra*<sup>2</sup>; or participates in heated debates, winning the applause of the learned by his proficiency in the philosophical systems of Jina, Jaimini, Kapila, Kaṇāda, Cārvāka and Buddha.<sup>3</sup> Interludes in a lighter vein are not wanting. For example, on a certain occasion, while the king is discussing the poetical works of the Mahākavis, a poet named Paṇḍita-vaiṭaṇḍika (Scholar Sophist) comes along and recites an untimely panegyric in his honour, e. g. (3. 271),

हरनिरवन्ति महीधराः क्षीरोद्वयन्ति वार्यवः सर्वे । तव देव वसति विसरति सौवन्ति जगन्ति च त्रीणि ॥

"Sire, by reason of the expansion of thy fame, mountains turn white like the Kailāsa; the seas turn white as the Ocean of milk, all of them; and the three worlds resemble palaces in lustre!" Finding the king inattentive, he asks discourteously how it is that the sovereign does not recognise a world-renowned poet like him!<sup>4</sup> The king, however, wounds his vanity by asking him the purport of a difficult verse of Sanskrit poetics which proves to be beyond his comprehension.<sup>5</sup>

1 See Chap. VII.

2 See Chap. XVIII.

3 'कदाचित्.....पण्डितप्रकाण्डमण्डलीमण्डनाम्बरवीर्युत्कंसंरम्भेषु जितैर्मितिकपिष्कगनरचावाकशास्त्रज्ञोत्तममाण-संवीणतया विदुष्विणीनां परिषदां नितमितिष्ठात्यवश्यमस्तीरक्षितेति।' Vol. I, p. 480.

4 सकल्पविकोकचक्रमर्दनः स्यात् एव मुवनेऽसिम् । कथमिह संमतिं वदतां समागतो नावदुष्येऽहम् ॥ 3. 273.

5 For the verse in question see Chap. XVIII.

Court poets or rather panegyrists are very much in evidence, and recite appropriate verses on diverse occasions, marriage, coronation etc. Certain of them describe the morning and evening scenery, the beauties of the seasons and the gaiety of court festivals; recount the merits of horses and elephants, and recite panegyrics while the king practises archery in the gymnasium. One of the bards who recites the verses in praise of the rising moon is described as having been a fellow student with the king; and there is no doubt that the presence of these educated versifiers adds to the refinement and cultural atmosphere of the court.

Reference is made in Book II to Committees of Experts (*ācārya-parīṣad*) for the examination of horses and elephants and their representatives, the Mahāmātra and the Mahāsādhaka, the chief keepers of the royal elephants and horses respectively, who submit to the king detailed oral reports on the characteristics of the elephant and the horse selected for his use. The Mahāmātra appears to be a Brāhmaṇa, being introduced as belonging to the family of Paraśurāma; while the Mahāsādhaka is an experienced soldier, being described as having a body marked with the scars of wounds received in many a battle. Great attention seems to have been paid to elephants. The king himself takes part in the training and arming of elephants, and one of his favourite recreations is the witnessing of elephant-races in the race-courses (*pradhāva-dharaṇī*<sup>1</sup>).

The court jester (*narma-saciva*) does not appear in person in our work, but certain utterances attributed to him contain some home truths about the character of kings (3. 254-5):

समरभरः सुमदनां फलानि कर्णेजपैस्तु भोग्यानि । करिदक्षना इव नृपतेर्बाह्याः क्लेशाय खादनेऽन्तस्थाः ॥  
अक्षुप्पमिव निसर्गाद्भुजेषु नृपतिः पराङ्मुखः प्रायः । कोश इव तमविदारिणि निक्षिप्ते संमुखो भवति ॥

"The warriors bear the brunt of the fighting, but it is the wirepullers who enjoy the results. Those serving a king from outside undergo all hardship, while those in the inner circle reap the benefits; just as the outer tusks of an elephant do the hard jobs, while the inner teeth are employed in eating. Kings, by nature, turn their backs at merits, just as the flowers of a wreath turn their backs at the string. They welcome the heartless who destroy them, even as a sheath receives the sword that cleaves it."

The minister, the physician, the chef and the priest are mentioned together in one of the morning verses (3. 11) recited by the bards, who announce their arrival at the court. The court physician seems to be well-read in medical literature, and admonishes the king in a lengthy

1 Book III (प्रभावपरिणु करिबिनोदमिकोनदोहदं प्रासादमध्यास etc.).



discourse on matters connected with physical exercise, food and drink.<sup>1</sup> Astrologers are mentioned in Book II, and they are consulted on the eve of the coronation, and doubtless on many other occasions. The Sthapati or the architect appears in connection with the arrangements for the coronation and the construction of the magnificent pavilion on the bank of the Śiprā.<sup>2</sup>

The composition of the personnel of medieval courts seems to have been more or less similar in India and elsewhere. Nizami of Samarcand declared about 1155 that a properly constituted court should have four classes of educated men: secretaries of state, poets, astrologers and physicians, for "the business of kings cannot be conducted without competent secretaries; their triumphs and victories will not be immortalized without eloquent poets; their enterprises will not succeed unless undertaken at seasons adjudged propitious by sagacious astrologers; while health, the basis of all happiness and activity, can only be secured by the services of able and trustworthy physicians".<sup>3</sup> This is a fairly accurate description of the composition of medieval courts, whether oriental or occidental. We are told that "even in the West most courts had their astrologers<sup>4</sup> by the thirteenth century—the earl of Chester even in the twelfth—and the other three might well be found still earlier, but in a less bureaucratic form." The description is particularly true of the Sicilian court of the twelfth and thirteenth centuries with "its astrologers and poets, its Arab physicians and many-tongued secretaries"; and the entourage of the Indian court was not, we presume, materially different, to judge from Somadeva's circumstantial account. As regards secretaries and state officials, we may here refer to the Sandhivigrahins, who appear in our work in the role of secretaries of state, and can be accurately described as 'many-tongued', as will be seen later.

One of the functions of the Sandhivigrahins in our work is to announce the arrival at the imperial court of envoys from foreign courts with presents characteristic of their respective countries.<sup>5</sup> The poetical utterances of the Sandhivigrahins are reproduced below (3. 247-46):

दूताः केरलचोकसिंहलशकधीमालपञ्चालकेरन्धैआङ्गकलिङ्गवङ्गपतिभिः प्रस्थापिताः प्राङ्गणे ।

तिङ्गल्यात्मकुलागताखिलमहीसारं गृहीत्वा करे देवस्यापि जगत्पतेरवसरः किं विद्यते वा न वा ॥

1 See below.

2 See Chap. II.

3 Haskins: *The Renaissance of the twelfth century*, p. 54.

4 'The court astrologer...became an indispensable adjunct of the 'Abbasid throne. Hitti: *History of the Arabs*, p. 318.

5 The *hājib* or chamberlain of the Baghdad court was attached to the person of the caliph, and his duty consisted in introducing accredited envoys and dignitaries into the caliphal presence. Hitti (op. cit.).

अथकनति कलिङ्गाक्षीवरस्त्वां करीन्द्रैस्तुरगनिबह एव प्रेषितः सैन्धवैस्ते ।

अथमपि च समाखे पाण्ड्यदेशाधिनायस्तरुगुलिकहारप्राभृतम्यग्रहस्तः ॥

कश्मीरैः कीरनाथः क्षितिप मृगसदैरेष नेपालपालः कौशेयैः कोशलेन्द्रः शिसिरगिरिपतिग्रन्थिपणैरुदीर्णैः ।

श्रीचन्द्रश्चन्द्रकान्तैर्विचित्रकुलधनैर्माणवः प्राभृतैस्त्वां द्रष्टुं द्वारे समाखे यदिह समुचितं देव तन्मां प्रशाधि ॥

"The envoys, despatched by the kings of Kerala, Cola, Ceylon, the Śaka land, Śrīmāla and Pañcāla, and by the lords of Aṅga, Kalinga and Vaṅga as well as other kings, stand in the courtyard, holding in their hands the choicest products of all their dynastic possessions. (They may be told) whether Your Majesty, the lord of the earth, has the leisure to see them or not." "The lord of Kalinga comes to thee with mighty elephants, and the princes of the Indus region have sent thee yonder multitude of horses. Here, too, is the lord of the Pāṇḍya country, his hands full of wreaths of large pearls brought as presents." "Ruler of the earth, to see thee the lord of Kāśmīra is at the door with presents of saffron, the ruler of Nepāla with musk, the lord of Kośala with silks, the lord of the Himālayas with large Granthiparna<sup>1</sup> roots, the lord of Kailāsa with moonstones, and the king of Magadha with diverse heirlooms. Sire, command me to do what befits the occasion."

The challenge to various kings, demanding submission, intended to be delivered by Yaśodhara's envoy, is no more than a rhetorical exercise<sup>2</sup>; but interesting data on the reception of envoys from hostile courts and the declaration of war can be gleaned from the episode of the king of Pañcāla described in *Yasastilaka*, Book III. The Sandhivigrahin enters and tells Yaśodhara: 'Sire, Dukūla, an envoy of Acala, king of Pañcāla, has arrived and is waiting at the gate.' Thus saying, he ushers in the envoy, and ordered by Yaśodhara, offers him a seat at the proper place after he has paid his respects to the king. The Sandhivigrahin then says: 'Envoy, show to yonder Lord the presents sent by your master. Messenger, deliver the letter;' and both the envoy (*dūta*) and the messenger (*sāsanahara*) carry out the instructions. The Sandhivigrahin had already been informed by a spy, living in Acala's capital in the guise of an ascetic under the name of Jābāla, that that king had a powerful force of elephants and planned to declare war against Yaśodhara before long. The information supplied by the spy is corroborated by certain indications provided by the articles sent – an iron ball, the letter marked with the emblem of a sword on the outside, and the presents wrapped in four pieces of cloth; or according to another interpretation, an iron ball and the presents and the letter,

1 A fragrant root called *अमिष* in Assamese, which is pounded by women to the accompaniment of songs during the night on nuptial occasions among the Assamese people.

2 See Chap. VII.

both marked with the figure of a sword and four encircling lines.<sup>1</sup> In *Nitivākyaṃṛta* (Chap. 13) Somadeva refers to these emblems as being present on letters from enemies.<sup>2</sup> Now, the iron ball symbolized the invulnerability of the sender; the fourfold wrappings or the four encircling lines the 'four-limbed' army consisting of cavalry, infantry, elephants, and chariots; and the sword, of course, the threat of war. It was apparently usual to despatch such symbolic gifts as a prelude to warlike measures; and that it was a very ancient custom, and not confined to India, is shown by the account of the gifts (a bird, a mouse, a frog and five arrows) sent by the Scythian kings to Darius under similar circumstances, as related by Herodotus, Book IV. 131.

Be that as it may, the Sandhivigrahin is convinced of the war-like intentions of the king of Pañcāla, and considers it useless to examine the insincere presents and the contents of the letter, which was only too likely to proclaim the enemy's glory. Accordingly he puts aside the letter and asks the envoy to deliver his message orally, at the same time threatening him with dire punishment for his unfriendly mission: the nose would be chopped off, the head shaved at random, Bilva fruits tied to the forelock, and a garland of potsherds hung round the neck; besides, he would have to ride a donkey.<sup>3</sup> Controlling himself, the Sandhivigrahin admits that no wise man should be angry with an envoy who is bound to report facts. Then addressing the envoy, a Brāhmaṇa, the royal official stresses the futility of further queries, and goes on to say: "The motives of your master are clear from your demeanour. The reason why His Majesty has so long connived at Acala, in spite of his having committed many an act of defiance, is that the kings of his line had long paid homage in the past to His Majesty's forbears. But, now, if Acala seeks for himself the fate of a moth in the flames of His Majesty's might, it would be like desiring to play with the manes of a lion, or decorate oneself with the crest-gems of deadly serpents, or scratch with one's finger-nails the tusks of a rutting elephant, or extinguish with one's hands the fire of the epoch of universal destruction, or swim across the ocean, or traverse the sky with

1 The first interpretation is found in a marginal note in Ms. A. Somadeva says प्राभृततन्त्रमेतत् पत्रं च प्राहिणोत् । तथाह्वनयोर्मेण्डलाग्रमुद्राङ्कितो वेष्टनचतुष्टयलेष्टाङ्कितश्च बहिःप्रकाशः संनिवेशः । p. 550. Ms. A says अनयोर्लेखप्राभृतयोः संनिवेशः संस्थितिः यथासंख्यं लेखस्य संनिवेशः खड्गचिह्नसहितः पुत्रं सूचयति । प्राभृतस्य संनिवेशः वेष्टनचतुष्टयमिष्टं वस्त्रचतुष्टयेन वेष्टितः सैन्यभवं दर्शयतीति भावः । 'चत्वारि वेष्टनानि खड्गमुद्रा च प्रतिपक्षलेखानाम्' ।

2 The anonymous commentary says तेषामुपरि चत्वारि वेष्टनानि बन्धनानि भवन्ति.

3 नास्तोद्गासनमार्गमुष्टनक्षिप्त्वासाक्षरबन्धकर्मः कण्ठे शीर्षशरावदाभकण्ठं कावेवकारोहणम् । दूतान्वयश्च न ते भिन्नपरस्परः कोऽप्यत्र कार्यो विधिकारस्तस्यो न च दानिकं निजपदेर्लेखस्त्वयं शिष्टम् ॥ 3. 402.

a bound, or lift the Mandara mountain with one's hands, or use the axe of Śiva as a mirror, or extract the pearl embedded in the jaw of the Primeval Boar<sup>1</sup> for using it as an ornament." Acala, in fact, proud of his own power in destroying the petty enemies of his kingdom, does not even now realise the great king's valour, praised by Indra himself in talks about Kṣatriya heroes (3. 403):

वैकुण्ठः कुलकीर्तनं कमलभूर्दर्भमगदभाकुलिर्न स्त्री नैव पुमानुमापतिरयं चन्द्रो निशासेवकः ।

हेलिः केलिसरोजबन्धुरलिलः क्रीडाक्रमे चाटुमान् यत्नेभ्यं गणनामरेषु विजयी तस्याहवे कोऽपरः ॥

"Who can conquer him in battle who is talked about among the gods thus: Viṣṇu is his panegyrist, and Brahman his priest, busily taking up Kuśa blades with the fingers; Śiva is the eunuch of his harem, and yonder Moon serves him at night; and the Sun is the friend of his toy lotuses, and the wind caresses him in the fatigue of his sports!"

The speech of the Sandhivigrahin arouses the martial ardour of the warriors present, each of whom, addressing himself to the envoy, utters a vehement challenge to the king of Pañcāla. Kodaṇḍamārtanḍa, for example, catching hold of the envoy's hand, says (3. 405-6):

श्रीपदं मित्रपक्षाणां सरदण्डं च विद्विषाम् । देवस्यास्य पदाम्भोजद्वयं शिरसि धार्यताम् ॥

नो चेत् कोदण्डमार्तण्डकाण्डलुण्डितमस्तकः । बास्यत्याजौ स ते स्वामी हण्डताण्डवदम्बरम् ॥

"Hold on thy head His Majesty's lotus feet, a source of prosperity to his allies, but grimly oppressive to his foes. Otherwise, thy master, decapitated by the arrows of Kodaṇḍa-mārtanḍa (The Sun of the Bow), will vehemently dance on the battlefield, a headless trunk." Karavūlavīra declares, brandishing his sword (3. 409-10): अश्वग, साध्ववधार्यताम् ।

अस्वर्गगर्भदुर्वारवीर्यपर्वस्तमानसः । मदीयस्वामिसेवासु यः कोऽपि हतसाहसः ॥

विपक्षपक्षक्षयदक्षदीक्षः कौक्षेयको मामक एव तस्य । रक्षांसि वक्षःक्षतजैः क्षरन्निः प्रतीक्षतेऽक्षुण्णतया रणेषु ॥

"Wayfarer<sup>2</sup>, know for certain, this my sword, consecrated to the task of destroying the foeman and his allies, amply gratifies the goblins on the battlefield with the blood gushing from the bosom of the man, who is slack in paying homage to my master, being perverted by a sense of overweening pride and irresistible might."

Certain of the champions ask the envoy to deliver threatening messages to the king of Pañcāla, of which the following are specimens, being communicated by Trisūla-bhairava and Asama-sāhasa respectively (3. 416 and 320):

इदं त्रिशूलं तिसृभिः शिलाभिर्मोर्गत्रयं वक्षसि ते विधाय । पातालमख्यं त्रिदिवावतारां कर्ता रणे कीर्तिमिमां मदीयाम् ॥

1 The Boar Incarnation of Viṣṇu.

2 i. e. the envoy.

"Three openings will this trident make in thy bosom with its three prongs, and spread my martial fame on earth, in heaven and in the nether regions!"

तुलारणे हृन्दरणे दिवारणे लिसारणे कूटरणे परत्र वा । यदि प्रवीरस्त्वमिहैषि मे पुरे न गर्जितैः सौर्वकलेषु कीर्तयः ॥

"If thou art strong in duels or in day-war or night-war or deceptive warfare or in other modes of fighting, do thou confront me in any of them. The fame of the valiant is not produced by empty roars."

Throughout this unseemly scene, insulting language is freely used, the king of Pañcāla being referred to as 'the meanest of all the villains', and the envoy variously addressed as *Veda-vaivadhika* ('one to whom the Vedas are a burden'), *dvijāpasada*, *brahmabandhu*, *dvija-vamśapāṃsana*, or simply as 'Brāhmaṇa'. Happily the disorder is stopped by the intervention of the commander-in-chief who addresses the assembly: Ye wise men, useless are the shouts of men lacking in proper conduct. The brave and the timorous will be sorted out in war (3. 422). Therefore let every one of you control his wrath and desist from offensive language. You, too, Sandhivigrahin, eager to enhance the might of your master, should not give way to emotion. Examine the letter and draft a reply. Examine the presents and prepare counterpresents. Let due respect be shown to all the three (the envoy, the letter and the presents), for the kings speak through their envoys even when they take up arms against each other. Not to speak of the envoys, even their servants should not be insulted. Further, neither one's own failure nor the success of others depends upon the loud declamations of envoys. They are non-combatant intermediaries and speak as they like." (3. 423)

The letter is soon ready, and the Sandhivigrahin reads it out. It is extremely brief except for a lengthy conglomeration of epithets designed to glorify Yaśodhara; and, after a polite and formal prelude, communicates an arrogant message from the commander-in-chief, Vijayavardhana, calling upon the king of Pañcāla to submit, since there is no safety for him whether on the battlefield or in flight. The letter is reproduced in part below:

स्वस्ति । समस्तमहासामन्तशिखण्डमण्डनीभवचरणक्रमलः कमलाकरससेजसेव्यमानपादपङ्कजः पङ्कजपाण्ड्यचोल-  
चेरमहर्ष्यनिर्माणप्रकाश्यमानदिविजयवाहिनीप्रचारः चारचक्षुःसहस्रसाक्षात्कृतसकलभूपालमण्डलः मण्डलाग्रधाराजलनिमग्ननिशि-  
लारातिसंतानः ..... पाटलिपुत्रपण्याङ्गनाभुजङ्गः बलभिरम्भोरुविभ्रमभ्रमरः पौरवपुरंध्रीरोध्रतिलकः सततबधुवितरण-  
प्रीणितद्विजसमाजः श्रीयशोधरमहाराजः सकलप्रशस्तिसहितमचलमहीपतिमादिशति । श्रेयोऽन्यत् । कार्यं चैतदेव-यदुत विजय-  
वर्धनः सेनापतिर्भवन्तमेवमामन्त्रयते.....

The episode of the embassy, divested of rhetoric, throws interesting sidelights on court practices in the tenth century, but even the rhetoric

1 'अहो दूत निवेदयेद् मदचनं तस्मै सकलदुराचारलोकदेहस्य' etc.

cannot entirely be ignored, as it somehow always appears in the background of medieval court life. Diplomatic immunity seems to have been assured by time-honoured custom, but there was nothing to prevent an envoy being subjected to humiliation or open insult. Things were not far different in this respect in the contemporary Byzantine court, to judge from the *Legatio* of Liudprand, Bishop of Cremona, a Western contemporary of Somadeva, who gives an account of an embassy to Constantinople during the reign of the Emperor Nicephorus Phocas, undertaken on behalf of Otto the Great in 968 A. D. Not only was Liudprand compelled every now and then to swallow affront and offensive language at the Byzantine court, but he also describes how in the same year the envoys of the Pope were actually put in prison for bringing an improperly addressed letter to the emperor. The fulminations of the court officials against the Papal legates may be compared with the threats uttered by the Sandhivigrahin against the envoy of the king of Pañcāla: ".....Would that one of them were a bishop and the other a marquess! Then we would sew them in a sack, and after giving them a sound beating with rods and plucking out their beards and hair we would throw them into the sea. As for these fellows, their lives may be spared;.....".<sup>1</sup>

The comprehensive report of the spy to the king in Book III is a unique document, to which we will return presently. The review of the army is an important incident of court life, and Somadeva's detailed account of it in the same Book gains in importance from the fact that he describes regiments of soldiers from different parts of India in the king's army.<sup>2</sup> Somadeva's picture is so minute and lifelike that he must have personally observed the ways of these soldiers, and may be supposed to have witnessed them, if anywhere, in the capital of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa emperors, who possibly included in their armies regiments composed of fighting men of different nationalities of India to meet the demands of their far-flung campaigns beyond the limits of the Deccan. Five regiments in all are described: the Deccan regiment; the Drāmila or South Indian regiment provided with litters; the North Indian regiment of cavalry; the Gurjara regiment of archers; and the Tirhut regiment, expert in naval warfare, and well-equipped with elephants, and containing an undisciplined Gauda element. The Tirhut, or the Tairabhukta regiment, as it is called, may be roughly described as the Behar and Bengal regiment, and it may

1 Liudprand: *Works. Trans.* Wright, p. 264.

2 See Chap. IV. The King reviews the troops from a raised platform. Somadeva says  
सकलसैन्यसमाजोक्तोपुद्गतमङ्गसंगतिकरेषु नन्दसैन्यावसरेषु । p. 461.

be noted in this connection that there is another reference to naval soldiers (*taricaranara*) elsewhere in the work.<sup>1</sup> It will be seen that most of the regiments described are those of foot-soldiers; and the description, on the whole, corresponds to Al Masudi's statement that the Balhara or the Rāṣtrakūṭa king's 'horses and elephants were innumerable, but his troops were mostly infantry'.<sup>2</sup> It has, however, been rightly pointed out that the Rāṣtrakūṭa cavalry cannot be overlooked, and "the lightning all-India movements of Dhruva, Govinda III and Indra III presuppose a strong cavalry".<sup>3</sup> Another noteworthy feature of Somadeva's description of the regiments is the absence of any reference to chariots, although he refers to their fighting qualities in his theoretical work *Nīṭivākyaṃṛta*. This seems to corroborate the view that chariots as an instrument of war were no longer in use in the days of the Rāṣtrakūṭas.<sup>4</sup>

The lighter side of court life is represented by dance exhibitions in the court theatre in connection with the Pūrvaraṅga ceremony accompanied by hymns to Sarasvatī. The king is described as witnessing these performances in company with expert dancers and well-trained exponents of the histrionic art.<sup>5</sup> As is to be expected, certain court festivals are also mentioned: the Mahānavamī, the Dipotsava, the Spring carnival and the worship of Makaradhvaja, the god of love.<sup>6</sup>

It is hardly necessary to emphasize the documentary value of the second and third Books of *Yasastilaka* as presenting before us a detailed and vivid picture of Indian court life about the middle of the tenth century. Yaśodhara, the hero of the story, is a legendary figure; but the setting of his court has a historical character and reflects the conditions prevailing in the writer's own time. It is a curious coincidence that not long before Somadeva composed his imaginative account of Indian court life, the Byzantine Emperor Constantine VII (912-59) wrote his *De cerimoniis aulae*, 'an account of the whole life of the Byzantine polity, with its hierarchy of lay and ecclesiastical officials,' and the traditional ceremonies and festivals, 'from the coronation and burial of an Emperor to the baptism of his son'.<sup>7</sup> The Indian writer would presumably have

1 'कदनमेदिनीपु नखरदन्दिदारितारासिकरितुरगरवतरीचरनरनिकर'.....' Book III, p. 490.

2 Altekar: *The Rāṣtrakūṭas and their times*, p. 248.

3 Ibid., p. 249.

4 Ibid., p. 248.

5 See Chap. XV.

6 See Chap. XV.

7 Hussey: *Church and Learning in the Byzantine Empire*, p. 28.



shared the emperor's idea that 'it is through its glorious ceremonial that the imperial majesty is increased in splendour'; and Somadeva was doubtless sufficiently impressed by the grandeur of contemporay court life, which partly explains his treatment of the theme as a pendent to the traditional story of Yaśodhara. But he does more: he deals with problems of administration, a subject in which he is deeply interested.

#### PROBLEMS OF STATECRAFT

Side by side with the portrayal of court life, Somadeva lays down precepts and principles for the guidance of a monarch, and illustrates them where necessary by means of concrete examples and quasi-historical traditions. From this point of view, *Yasastilaka* may be regarded as a sort of illustrative commentary on some of the topics dealt with in the formal treatises on the *nītiśāstra* including Somadeva's own *Nitivākyāmrta*. The latter is a comprehensive work in the form of *sūtras* in thirtytwo chapters; and topics briefly touched in *Nitivākyāmrta* are often treated in greater detail in *Yasastilaka*, the two works supplementing each other, so far as problems of statecraft are concerned.

Somadeva lays great emphasis on the paramount influence of the monarch in moulding the character of his subjects, who implicitly follow his example whether it is good or bad. We are told that just as the day and the night cause light and darkness respectively, so is the example of the king the determining factor in the practice of virtue or sin by his subjects (Book IV, p. 95):

अहोरात्रं यथा हेतुः प्रकाशश्चान्तजन्मनि । तथा महीपतिर्हेतुः पुण्यपापप्रवर्तने ॥

Somadeva quotes in this connection a popular verse: उक्तं च—

राशिं चर्मणि चर्मिष्ठाः पापे पापाः सन्ते सजाः । राजानमनुवर्तन्ते यथा राजा तथा प्रजाः ॥

A similar verse is found also in *S'ukranītiśāra* 4, 1. 62:

सुपुण्यो यत्र नृपतिर्धर्मिष्ठास्तत्र हि प्रजाः । महापापी यत्र राजा तत्राधर्मपरो जनः ॥

The idea is indeed an old one, and occurs in Āryaśūra's *Jātakamālā* XIII. 39, wherein the subjects unhesitatingly following the king's example, good or bad, are compared to cows following the lead of an ox:

निष्ठां क्षुभं वा नृपमप्रचारं गावोऽनुगा यद्वदनुप्रवामि । उल्लिख्यन्त्याहुः क्षमिर्विचरं प्रजालयेव क्षितिपत्य वृत्तिम् ॥

It is interesting to note that the influence of the king's example on his subjects is likewise emphasized in St. John Damascene's *Barlaam and Ioasaph* (Chap. XXXIII) a religious romance of the eighth century to which we will have occasion to revert.

"And soothly, the king was a good example to all; and he inflamed and kindled the hearts of many to be of the same mind with himself,

For such is the nature of authority. Its subjects always conform to its likeness, and are wont to love the same objects, and to practise the pursuits which they perceive to be pleasing to their governor.”

Somadeva goes on to say: “Verily the habits and customs of men are based on those of the king. And the customary regulations of the different castes and orders of society, leading to religious merit and demerit, are subject to the king’s control. The citizens do exactly what the kings do, good or bad, under the influence of passion or anger, or through ignorance.” Somadeva reinforces his remarks by pointing out how the bad example set by kings is responsible for the existence of evil customs among their subjects. For instance, the kings are to blame for the fact that the Brāhmanas of the Vaṅgī kingdom are in the habit of drinking wine, and the Persians commit incest with their mothers, and there is intermixture of castes in Ceylon.<sup>8</sup> It is difficult to adjudge the historical value of these statements. The Vaṅgī country is identified by Śrutasaṅgara in his commentary with Ratnapura, modern Ratanpur, which was the capital of Dakṣiṇa Kosala (Bilaspur District, C. P.), where reigned a branch of the Cedis of Tripuri.<sup>4</sup> The reference to the intermixture of castes in Ceylon may have something to do with the conversion of the island to Buddhism by Mahinda under the king Devānampiya Tissa, a contemporary of Aśoka, as related in the *Mahāvamsa*. As regards the Persian custom, the Christian Apologist Tertullian (second century A. D.) says in his *Apology* IX. 16 that the Persians, according to Ctesias,<sup>5</sup> consort with their mothers.<sup>6</sup>

Be that as it may, Somadeva concludes his argument by declaring that just as a good king acquires the sixth part of the religious merit of those who practise virtue, so does a wicked one the sixth part of the sin of those who commit misdeeds:

यथैव पुण्यस्य सुकर्मभाजां बह्वांशभागी नृपतिः सुदुष्टः । तथैव पापस्य दुष्कर्मभाजां बह्वांशभागी नृपतिः दुदुष्टः ॥

1 Text and Trans. in *Loeb Classical Library*, p. 515.

2 ‘नृपतिप्रतिष्ठानि च खलु देहिनां व्यवहारतन्त्राणि वर्तन्ते । नृपत्यावृत्ताः पुण्यपापहेतवो वर्णःश्रमाचारव्यवसायाः । ते च नृपतयः कामक्रोधाभ्याममहात्मेन वा यथैव शुभमशुभं वा कर्मात्मनो तथैव जानपदा अपि ।’ Book IV.

3 ‘श्रयते हि—वङ्गीमण्डले नृपतिदोषाद्देवैश्चासन्नोपयोगः, पारसीकेषु स्वसन्निधीसंयोगः, सिन्धुषु च विश्वामित्रसृष्टिप्रयोग इति ।’ Ibid. p. 95.

4 Poussin: *Dynasties et Histoire de l’Inde*, p. 155.

5 Ctesias of Cnidus lived many years at the Persian court towards the end of the 5th century B. C., and wrote in the Ionic dialect a comprehensive work on the history of Persia.

6 *Persas cum suis matribus misceri Ctesias refert.*

The idea is not new. Yajñavalkya 1. 335 says that the king acquires the sixth part of the religious merit of the subjects as a result of governing them with justice;<sup>1</sup> while the *Agnipurāṇa* 223. 10 goes further and says that a king acquires the sixth part of both the merit and the demerit of his subjects.<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva lays great emphasis on the personal supervision of the affairs of the state by the king. He says: "A king inaccessible to his subjects is misled by those near him and baffled by his enemies. The employees, like faithless wives, have, as a rule, no other means of thriving than the troubles of their masters, nor has a master any other means of thriving than by checking the transgression of his employees, like that of his wives."<sup>3</sup> Somadeva has in this connection the following verses in *Yasastilaka*, Book III (3. 23-26):

नियुक्तस्तार्पितराज्यभारातिष्ठन्ति ये स्वैरविहारसाराः ।  
विहातवृन्दाहितदुग्धमुद्राः स्वपन्ति ते मृतधिवः क्षितीन्द्राः ॥  
ज्ञायेत मार्गः सलिले तिसीनां पतन्निनां व्योम्नि कदाचिदेषः ।  
अव्यक्षसिद्धेऽपि कृतावलोपा न ज्ञावतेऽमात्यजनस्य वृत्तिः ॥

व्याधिबुद्धौ यथा वैद्यः श्रीमतामाहितोद्यमः । व्यसनेषु तथा राज्ञः कृतयत्ना नियोगिनः ॥

नियोगिनिर्विना नास्ति राज्यं भूये हि केवले । तस्मादमी विधातव्या रक्षितव्याश्च यत्नतः ॥

"Kings who enjoy pleasures at will, leaving the charge of the kingdom in the hands of officials, are foolish indeed. They might as well sleep, leaving the cats in charge of the milk. The movement of fish in the water and of birds in the sky might sometimes be known, but the conduct of ministers, inscrutable even in palpable matters, can never be known. Just as a physician exerts himself to aggravate ailments of wealthy patients, so do the officials of a king attempt to create troubles for him. There cannot be a kingdom with the king alone, without any officials; so they have to be created as well as guarded with care."

The necessity of strict control to be exercised by the king over his officials is emphasized also in Somadeva's *Nītivākya-mṛta* (Chaps. 17 and 18), and there is sometimes close verbal resemblance between the statements in the two works. For example, we read in *Nītivākya-mṛta* (17. 38-9, 44):

दुर्देशो हि राजा कार्याकार्यविपर्ययासमानज्ञैः कार्यतेऽतिसंघीयते च द्विषद्भिः । वैद्येषु श्रीमतां व्याधिबर्धनादिव  
नियोगिषु भर्तुर्व्यसनवर्धनादपरो नास्ति जीवनोपायः । मार्जारेषु दुग्धरक्षणमिव नियोगिषु विश्वासकरणम् ।

1 पुण्यान् बहुभागमादत्ते न्यायेन परिपालयन् । सर्वशानाधिकं यस्मात् प्रजानां परिपालनम् ॥

2 'राजा बहुभागमादत्ते सुकृतादुक्कृतादपि'.

3 'दुर्देशो हि राजा कार्याकार्यविपर्ययासमानज्ञैः कार्यतेऽतिसंघीयते च द्विषद्भिः । न हि नियोगिनायसतीजनानामिव भर्तुर्व्यसनादपरो प्रायेणास्ति जीवनोपायः । स्वामिनो वा नियुक्तानां क्षीणमिवातिप्रसरणनिवारणम् ।' Book III, p. 373.

It may also be noted in this connection that the verse 3. 24 quoted above is reminiscent of the following verses of Kautilya's *Arthasāstra* II. 9 :

मत्स्या वयान्तःसलिले चरन्तो ज्ञातुं न शक्याः सलिलं विवन्तः ।

युक्तास्तथा कार्यविधौ नियुक्ता ज्ञातुं न शक्या धनमाददानाः ॥

अपि शक्या गतिर्ज्ञातुं पततां से पतत्रिणाम् । न तु प्रच्छन्नभावानां युक्तानां चरतां गतिः ॥

Somadeva opines that the ministers of a king should be men of pure lives, loyal and well-versed in the science of government: they should be men of birth and natives of the country.<sup>1</sup> A king should not depend upon a single minister, the prosperity of one doing so being compared to a creeper climbing a tree with a single branch. Somadeva says in *Yasastilaka* 3. 230 :

एकामात्रे महीपाले नाके लक्ष्मीर्विजृम्भते । लतायास्तत्र का वृद्धिः शाखेका यत्र शाखिनि ॥

In *Nitinākhyāmṛta* 10. 82 he expresses the same idea by saying that a tree with a single branch does not cast a large shadow.<sup>2</sup> In the same work (10. 71) he recommends that a king should have three, five or seven ministers. Yet the destiny of a king often depends upon the character of a single minister. Somadeva points out in *Yasastilaka* 3. 242 that Duryodhana, though powerful, was ruined, because he had a wicked minister; while Candragupta, though without any resources, obtained a kingdom, because he had a good minister in Cāṇakya.

The primary duty of a minister is described thus: he should protect those of the citizens lacking in fighting spirit and resolution with courage, and take care of those who are poor by charitable actions; and by avoiding all cause of disaffection, he should secure the loyalty of the subjects, infected with sedition, whether latent or manifest in ineffectual outbursts.<sup>3</sup> The true minister of a king is one who is liked by the army and the allies, upright in matters relating to the country and the treasury, and above all devoted to the king (3. 200):

तत्र मित्रार्थितप्रीतिर्देशकोशोचितस्थितिः । ब्रह्मात्मनि भवेद्भक्तः सोऽमात्यः पृथिवीपतेः ॥

The attitude of a minister towards the king should be governed by loyalty tempered with justice (3. 241):

यः कार्यार्थिनि भूपतावसमधीः कार्याव धत्ते दुरं ब्रह्मार्थार्थिनि संनयोचितमतिभिन्नामणिर्जायते ।

भक्तौ भवति मन्त्रिणामिदमहो दिव्यं ब्रह्म कीर्तितं न क्षोणीश महीयसां निरसनं राज्यस्य वा व्यसनम् ॥

1 शुचयः स्वामिनि किम्वा राजराज्ञान्तवेदिनः । मन्त्राधिकारिणो राज्ञामभिजाताः स्वदेशजाः ॥ 3. 110.

2 'किमेकशाखस्य शाखिनो मङ्गली भवति छाया'.

3 'विप्रहावप्रहान्यां हीनानां दीनानां च प्रजानामवधानप्रदानाभ्यां रक्षणमवेक्षणं चान्तर्बहिरवान्तराद्येः कोपैर्दुःखितावस्थिदीनां प्रकृतीनां विरागकारणपरिहारैरेकमुत्पीकरणं च संक्षेपेण मन्त्रिणः कर्म ।' Book III, p. 445.

"Unequalled in wisdom, he undertakes the responsibility of executing a task when the king demands action, and acts like the Wishing gem, in conformity with justice, when the king is in need of funds. These are said to be the two divine factors governing the loyalty of ministers to their master, and not, o king, the expulsion of the great nor the extinction of the realm."

Those who are in constant fear of their lives (that is, fear the king), and have no motives of sordid gain in deliberations, are alone fit to be ministers of kings, and not those who are like blood-sucking leeches (Book IV, p. 155):

प्रतिक्षणं संवदितायुषो ये न वेद्यपेक्षासि च कार्यवादे । त एव सम्प्रेऽधिकृता नृपाणां न ये जलौकसमद्वेषकाः ॥

Further, a minister should exercise independence of judgment in expressing his views, and his aim should not merely be to please the king. Somadeva remarks (Ibid.):

प्रजासि वः श्रोतृवशेन धर्मं नृपेच्छया यो सिगुणाति कार्यम् । अकल्पकामोपचयेन वैद्यकयस्त एते कालिकालपादाः ॥

"He who preaches religion according to the inclinations of his hearers, he who sets forth a project in conformity with the wishes of the king, and the physician who lives by ministering to the desires of his patients: these three are the pillars of the Kali Age!"

Ministers are, however, faced with a dilemma. If they followed the wishes of the king, the people might be ruined; while if they acted according to the wishes of the people, they might ruin their own position. Yet it is incumbent on ministers to speak the truth: this might only involve their own ruin, but false counsel might bring about the ruin of the state, the king, and themselves as well (Book IV, pp. 155-6):

प्रजाविकोपो नृपतीच्छया स्वाद्यजेच्छया चाचरिते स्वनाशः । न मन्त्रिणां वैयविद्यायिनीवत्सुखं सदैवोभयतः समसि ॥  
वतो वथार्थं वदतां नराणामाश्रयः स्वात्परमेक एव । राष्ट्रस्य राज्ञो भुवमात्मनश्च मिथ्योपदेशस्तु करोति नाशम् ॥

Somadeva speaks a good deal about ministerial corruption. The report of the spy in Book III is designed to show to what length the corruption of a single minister, placed in charge of a province, can possibly go; and it also gives occasion to a large number of verses, attributed to diverse poets, on the supposed villainy of ministers in general.<sup>1</sup> The author of *Yasastilaka* seems to regard the proper control and supervision of the activities of the ministers by the king as the first and foremost requisite in the administration of a state. He opines that the evil ways of ministers cease only when the king is strict in determining issues of justice and

1 See Chap. VII.

injustice; if he is lenient, indolent and bent on the pleasures of the moment, the ministers are bound to prove insolent and disloyal (3. 196):

सञ्चिन्तयितुं तथैवेत्य् प्रसाम्यति भूपतौ भवति इह व न्यायान्यायप्रसक्तमकर्मकर्मः ।  
सद्यद्भवे मन्दोद्योगे सदात्तमुत्तोमुत्ते स्मिन् इह वृत्ते इहा भुत्ताः कर्म न विदुर्भवे ॥

The evil consequences of ministerial corruption and misrule are summed up thus (3. 197):

प्रकृतिविकृतिः कोषोत्काशितः प्रजामलबागतिः स्वजनविरतिर्मित्राघातिः कुलीनजनाद्विषतिः ।  
कुलविरते राजन्वेतद्भवं ननु जायते तदनु स परेर्दावादैर्वा बलादनलुप्यते ॥

"Sedition among the citizens, depletion of the treasury, decimation of the population, disaffection of kinsmen, hostility of friends, and the emigration of the high-born: verily, this is sure to happen when a king is attached to a wicked minister. Thereafter the former is ousted by force by his enemies or by his kinsmen."

Magnanimity accompanied by pre-eminence is stated to be the sole cause of a king having honest persons to serve him. A king may be poor; but if he is magnanimous, he can have plenty of trustworthy servants: even when a pool of water is dried up, numerous trees grow under its bridge (3. 198):

अजनस्यापि महीशो महीबलो भवति भूखसंपत्तिः । कुण्डस्यापि हि सरसः पालितले पादपविभूतिः ॥

It is dangerous for kings to incur the displeasure of the people by favouring the unworthy and dishonouring the worthy. Several semi-legendary examples are cited by Somadeva to illustrate the point. A king of Kalinga named Anaṅga, who had made a barber his commander-in-chief, was pelted to death with clods of earth by the enraged citizens. Similarly, a king named Karāla was killed in the Kerala country for making a gambler his priest; king Maṅgala was killed in the country of Vaṅgāla for making an outcaste his minister; while in the country of Krathakaisika a king named Kāma met with a similar fate for making the son of a courtesan the Crown prince. On the other hand, in Vaṅga a king named Sphuliṅga was assassinated for humiliating his honest and sincere minister; in Magadha a king named Makaradhvaṇa was murdered for despising his pious priest; in Kauṅga a king named Kuraṅga was killed for insulting his powerful commander-in-chief; and in Cedi king Nadiśa was similarly punished for removing his innocent eldest son from the position of heir-apparent.<sup>1</sup>

Danger to kings lurks also in presents sent by rival courts, which should be carefully scrutinized before acceptance. It is said that king

1 Book III, p. 431.

Dhiṣaṇa killed king Durdharṣa by presenting him with a jewel casket containing a deadly artificial serpent. Another king, Kaṇapa<sup>1</sup> by name, killed a rival named Krpaṇa by sending him a perfumed cloth for covering idols which was coated with a deadly poison.<sup>2</sup> These stories are also mentioned with slight variations in *Nitivākyāmṛta* (Chap. 13) wherein we are told that a king of Karahāṭa named Kaitabha killed king Vasu by presenting him with a marvellous cloth perfumed with a deadly poison, and a king named Karavāla killed king Karāla by sending him a jewel casket containing a venomous serpent.<sup>3</sup> Somadeva clearly says in the latter work that letters and presents sent by an enemy should not be accepted without being examined by trustworthy persons (13. 15).

A king should also be on his guard in his relations with women. This is, as a matter of fact, one of the lessons of the romance; and the subject is also treated in detail in *Nitivākyāmṛta* (Chap. 24). The direction given in the latter work (24. 32) that nothing coming from the ladies' apartments should be eaten by the king has a direct bearing on the story of Yaśodhara. Free and careless association with the inmates of the harem is held to be a source of danger to the king (Book IV, p. 153):

अन्तःपुरे भूमिपतिर्मदाग्धः करोति यः संगतिमङ्गनाभिः । तस्य ध्रुवं स्वाद्विरेण मृत्युर्विलम्बयेतादिव ददुर्लभ ॥

"Verily, the king who, blind with passion, associates with women in the inner apartments, soon loses his life, like a frog entering a serpent's hole." The idea occurs also in *Nitivākyāmṛta*—

दुर्लभं सर्वगृहप्रवेश इव जीगृहप्रवेशो राज्ञः । 24. 31.

Further, both works record a number of traditions, with slight variations, to illustrate how kings are sometimes assassinated by women with devices of their own. For instance, in the Yavana country a queen named Maṇikuṇḍalā killed king Ajarāja (Aṅgarāja) by giving him a mouthful of poisoned wine, in order to place her son on the throne. In the country of Sūrasena, Vasantamati killed king Suratavilāsa by kissing him with lips painted with poisoned red lac. In the Daśārṇa country Vṛkodarī killed king Madanārṇava with her girdle-jewel smeared with poison. In Magadha, Madirākṣī killed king Manmathavinoda with a sharp-edged mirror, and

1 Ibid. p. 550; Ms. A reads कृणय.

2 'देवाङ्गवस्त्रवासनिषेकेण च स्पर्शविषेण'.

3 मणिकण्डकविन्यस्तवपुया कुत्रियेणाशीविषविषधरेण (*Yasastilaka*); आशीविषविषधरोपेतस्त्रकण्डकप्राभृतेन (*Nitivākyāmṛta*). Envenomed gifts are familiar in Greek literature. In one version of the story of Medea she kills her rival Glauce by presenting her with a poisoned robe and crown. Cf. Euripides, *Medea*, 1116 sqq. and Diodorus Siculus, IV. 54. 6. The death of Hercules caused by 'the deadly robe' unwittingly sent by his aggrieved wife is the theme of the *Trachiniae* of Sophocles.



in the Pāṇḍya (Pāṇḍu) country Candarask murdered king Mupdira (Punḍarika) with a dagger concealed in the lock of her hair.<sup>1</sup>

The danger from women is also illustrated by asserting that it is risky to educate them. Yaśodhara says in Book IV (p. 152):

इच्छन् पुत्रसालनं यः क्षान्तिं किञ्च विदुषां कष्टं न करोति ।

दुग्धेन नः पोषयते सुकृती पुंसः कुतस्तु सुमङ्गलानि ॥

"Who doth ever make a woman excel in wisdom, desiring his domestic peace? How can a man, who nourishes a serpent with milk, profusely thrive?" This is not merely the opinion of a disillusioned husband. Somadeva makes a similar observation in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* 24. 43: नातीव क्षियो म्युत्पादनीयाः स्वभावमुन्नयोऽपि शास्त्रोपदेशः क्षीयुः क्षीयुः पयोऽल्प इव विषमतां प्रतिपद्यते ॥ and the statement, in fact, occurs also in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV.<sup>2</sup>

Further, we are told that women may have as much freedom as they like in the discharge of their duties towards their husbands and children, but must not interfere in matters which properly belong to men's sphere, their minds being extremely fickle and superficial, like a drop of water on a lotus leaf. No one who accepts the participation of women in activities other than domestic duties can thrive for long, being like a tree fallen into the current of a river. And it is under a man's control that a woman can achieve her desired end, like a sword in the grip of a man.<sup>3</sup> These statements are put in the mouth of Yaśodhara, annoyed at the importunities of his mother in behalf of animal sacrifice, and remind one of the words of Eteocles, in Aeschylus' *Septem Contra Thebas* (200, 201), that 'outside affairs are men's business—let woman not advise thereon'. It may be added that the gist of what Yaśodhara says occurs also in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* (Chap. 24).<sup>4</sup>

The narrow view of women's character and capacity to which Somadeva here gives expression should be considered in relation to what

1 *Yasastilaka*, Book IV (P. 153) and *Nītivākyaṃṛta* (chapter on राजरक्षा). The anonymous commentary on the latter work remarks that the stories in question are found in the *Bṛhathkathā*.

2 'स्वभावमुन्नयोऽपि शास्त्रोपदेशः क्षीयुः क्षीयुः पयोऽल्प इव विषमतां प्रतिपद्यते ।' P. 152.

3 क्षियो हि नाम भवन्तु भर्तुषु शय्याविषये पुत्रेषु च प्रतिपालनसमये प्रकामं निरुद्धार्थं निरुद्धाचारगतमर्थाक्षं, न पुनः पौरुषैवेष्टुं कर्मेष्टुं । यस्मात् कमलिनीदलेषु जलकण्ठेन नारीणां मनसश्चञ्चलतरत्वादसीव निःसारत्वाच्च । पुरुषोऽपि गृहकार्यादग्न्यत्र किञ्च प्रमाणयन् नवीमवाहयति तः पादप इव न क्षिरं नन्दति । क्षी तु पुरुषमुदित्विवा क्षद्वयदिरिव साधयत्यग्निमत्तमनैव ।' P. 135.

4 'अवज्ञयोवणे गृहकर्मणि क्षीरसंस्कारे उपनावसरे क्षीणां स्वातन्त्र्यं नाप्यत्र' (39); 'क्षीवशुद्धयो नवीमवाहयति-पादप इव न क्षिरं नन्दति' (41); 'पुरुषमुदित्विवा क्षी क्षद्वयदिरिव कस्यत्सर्वं न जनयति' (42).

is called *rājaraṅga* or protection of kings, and is in keeping with the precaution against familiarity with women recommended as a measure of self-defence. There are no adequate grounds for holding that Somadeva is a misogynist. It is noteworthy that almost all the attacks on women in *Yasastilaka* are put in the mouth of Yasodhara and the Jaina ascetic Sudatta, appropriately enough, it would seem. Somadeva refers also to the Digambara Jaina doctrine that women are unfit for salvation<sup>1</sup>, but he declares in emphatic terms that women are superior to men in the intellectual field (1. 146):

देहायते कर्मण्ययं नरः स्त्रीजनोऽयमिति भवति । विज्ञायते कर्मण्ययिका नारी तु मध्यमः पुरुषः ॥

"Discrimination between men and women is valid in respect of physical activity. But women are superior and men inferior in intellectual activity." It may also be noted that Somadeva as a practical thinker tells us in *Nitivākyaṃṛta* that women are neither good nor bad: they are, like the Ocean of Milk, the source of poison as well as nectar (24. 10), and have neither any innate merit nor blemish, but become just like their husbands, as rivers assume the character of the ocean when they are merged therein (24. 25). The Jaina author's position with regard to women is, in fact, similar to that of Kalhana as stated in a verse of his *Rājataranginī* (VII. 856).

व्रजति रजनी त्यक्त्वा कापि क्षये क्षणदाकरं पदमुपगतस्यासं संध्या रवेरनुगच्छति ।

इति परिणतौ प्रेमण्युच्चावचे परिचिन्तति कचन नियमाक्लिन्धा वन्द्या न वा सुधियां स्त्रियः ॥

The guiding principles of a king's policy in matters affecting peace and war, and, generally speaking, his relations with other kings are expounded in an academic discussion in verse in Book III.<sup>2</sup> The framework of the discussion is provided by an examination of the relative claims of *daiva* and *puruṣakāra*, a subject bearing on *rājadharmā*, as already recognised in early texts like Yājñavalkya (1. 346 ff.). The king is also recommended to rule the kingdom, as a gardener looks after the garden (3. 107):

वृक्षान् कण्टकिनो बहिर्निवमयन् विस्लेषयन् संहिताजुस्तातान् प्रतिरोपयन् कुसुमितांश्चिन्वंलवन् वर्धयन् ।

उच्चात् संनमयन् पृथुंश्च कृतयक्त्वा युष्कितान् पातयन् मालाकार इव प्रयोगनिपुणो राजन् महीं पालय ॥

"Skilled in devising ways and means, rule the earth, like a gardener, o king: expelling the petty enemies, like thorny plants; disuniting the united; replanting the uprooted; collecting dues from the well-to-do, as a gardener gathers flowers from the blossoming trees; elevating the lowly, as a gardener rears the smaller plants; humbling the high-born, as he bends the tall-growing ones; reducing the great, as he thins out the thick under-

1 *Yasastilaka* 1. 145.

2 See Chap VII.

growths; and levelling the mighty, as he fells the lofty trees." No enemy, however small, should be neglected (3. 108):

सह्यदापि रिपोर्बीजादक्षयस्येव क्षालिनि । भयं जायेत कालेन तस्मात् कलहपेक्षते ॥

"Even from the tiny germ of an enemy there might be cause of fear in the course of time, just as there might be danger to other trees even from a small seed of the Pippal. Who can therefore neglect an enemy?"

The duties and qualifications of various officials of the king are dealt with by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* as well as *Nitivākyāmṛta*. The Dūta or envoy should be an aged Brāhmaṇa, learned, eloquent, forbearing in face of provocation and amiable: he should be efficient, courageous, pure, wise, bold and readywitted (3. 111). Even when an envoy is entrusted by his master with a provocative message, he should regulate his speech according to the temperament, character, or the resources of the king to whose court he is sent. To a proud enemy he should speak in conciliatory terms. To one well-versed in polity he should talk about principles. To one who is powerful he should speak about dissensions among his subjects; while to an enemy inferior in resources he should talk in terms of war. The responsibility of an envoy is shown by the fact that the prosperity of a king, however great, is endangered by the misconduct of envoys that are greedy and rough in the manner and content of their speech (3. 114-5):

संकीर्तयेत् साम रिपो सदर्पे नयं सनीतौ बलिनि प्रमेदम् । मन्त्रेण तन्त्रेण च हीनदूतौ दण्डाश्रयोपायविधिं विधिहः ॥

अन्यथा—वागर्थरुक्षलुब्धानां दूतानां दुःप्रवृत्तिभिः । श्रीः स्वामिनः प्रवृद्धापि क्रियते संशयाश्रया ॥

The commander-in-chief should be brave, experienced in the practice of arms and well-versed in the *Arthasāstra*. He should be a skilled fighter, and well-provided with elephants, cavalry, infantry and chariots; and loyal to his master, and popular with the army (3. 245):

शूरोऽर्थशास्त्रनिपुणः कृतशस्त्रकर्मा संग्रामकेलितुल्यतुल्ययुक्तः ।

भर्तुर्निदेशवशगोऽभिमतः स्वतन्त्रे सेनापतिर्नरपतेर्विजयागमाय ॥

The Sandhivigrahin, 'officer in charge of peace and war', may be called the Secretary of state for foreign affairs. He is an important court official with varied functions. In Somadeva's romance, as we have seen above, he receives the envoys of friendly courts and ushers them into the king's presence; and deals also with the envoy of a hostile court, addresses him, and drafts a threatening letter to the enemy. The Sandhivigrahin is thus in charge of matters affecting peace and war; and he seems to be in close attendance on the king, for we find Yaśodhara in

Book IV questioning the Sandhivigrahin about the sudden peals of music in the city.<sup>1</sup> In *Rājataranginī* 4. 137-8 we have another glimpse of the functions of the Sandhivigrahin in the person of Mitraśarman, styled as the Sāndhivigrahika of Lalitāditya, king of Kashmir, who is present at the drafting of the treaty between Lalitāditya and Yaśovarman of Kanauj, and objects to the latter's name being recorded prior to his master's in the document in question.<sup>2</sup> In Bāṇa's *Harṣacarita* (Book VI) we find Harṣa, after his decision to punish the king of Gauda for treachery, dictating to his Sandhivigrahin Avanti, called Mahā-sandhi-vigrahādhikṛta, an arrogant proclamation calling upon all kings to accept his suzerainty or prepare for battle. It seems that there were sometimes more than one Sandhivigrahin in the same court: Somadeva, for instance, records what he calls 'the verses of the Sandhivigrahins' in the court of Yaśodhara.<sup>3</sup> The occasional addition of the epithet *Mahā* to the usual designation shows that there was sometimes a chief official of that class. Among the new offices created by Lalitāditya (first half of the eighth century), as related in *Rājataranginī* 4. 142, mention is made of a Mahā-sandhi-vigraha, which is also the appellation of Harṣa's secretary for foreign affairs, as stated above. It may also be noted that one of the verses quoted from Vyāsa in Aparārka's commentary on Yājñavalkya 1. 319 refers to a Sandhi-vigrahalekhaka, obviously the same as Sandhivigrahin; but his function is to draft records of grants of land made by the king. It would appear that the Sandhivigrahin was a Secretary of State whose functions were not confined to the conduct of foreign affairs. Somadeva tells us that he should be able to read, write, narrate and interpret all scripts and languages: he should be ready-witted and capable of gauging the relative strength of his own master and other princes (8. 250):

वाचयति लिखति कथंते गमयति सर्वा लिपीश्च भाषाश्च । आत्मपरस्परसिद्धिदुःखैः समन्विभः संधिविग्रही कार्यः ॥

The Ākṣapāṭalika or the keeper of the state records is mentioned in connection with the challenge to other kings (3. 112, 113) issued by Yaśodhara,<sup>4</sup> similar to the one issued by Harṣa in Bāṇa's romance (see above). The Ākṣapāṭalika is here commissioned to read out the message to the envoy who was expected to deliver it to the kings in question.<sup>5</sup> The

1 'इति पुत्रप्रबोधं संधिविग्रहिणमावृच्छमाने' P. 157.

2 श्रीयशोवर्मणः संधौ संधिविग्रहिको न यत् । नयं नियमनालेखे मित्रशर्मणं चक्षमे ॥ सोऽभूत् संधिविशोवर्मणल्लितादिल-  
योरिति । लिखितेनादिनिर्देशादनर्थत्वं विदुः श्रवोः ॥

3 See above. 'संधिविग्रहिणां गीवीराकणैवामास' Book III.

4 See Chap. II.

5 'दूतमाकषपटलिकेन लयेद देवार्थं भाषयामास'.

*Akṣapātala*, to judge from certain references in the *Rājataranginī*, was the royal archive containing the records of grants and deeds of gift, and the official who drafted the deeds of gift or made the necessary entries was called Paṭṭopādhyāya.<sup>1</sup> The same work (5. 301) mentions an Akṣapātālādhiśa, chief of the record office, obviously the same as Ākṣapātālīka.

Great importance is attached to the rôle of spies in the king's government; and they are regarded as a sort of second sight for him.<sup>2</sup> The report of the spy in Book III provides a concrete example of the kind of information available to kings from this source, and gives us an idea of how minute and comprehensive such information could be. The importance of spies is stressed in the following verses of *Yasastilaka* (3. 116-7):

सर्वचेतोगतानर्थांश्च द्रष्टुं येषां कुतूहलम् । ते भवन्तु परं चरित्रबुध्मन्तः क्षितीश्वराः ॥

चारसंचारतो येषां नाभ्यक्षा स्वपरस्थितिः । नियुक्तारतिसंपातात्तेषां नार्थो न बाहवः ॥

"Let those kings, who have the curiosity to visualise what is in the mind of every one, have spies only for eyes. Those who are not aware of the situation of themselves and others, through the movements of spies, are deprived of both wealth and life by the action of their officials and foes."

The institution of spies is treated in great detail in all ancient works on Indian polity. Manu (7. 223) and Yājñavalkya (1. 330), for instance, lay down that the king should listen to the reports of spies after the evening ablutions, and, as Manu says, indoors, and the king should be armed while doing so. Yājñavalkya (1. 338-9) suggests what action should be taken by the king in regard to his officers on the reports of spies: those who take bribes, for instance, should be dispossessed and exiled. Espionage is dealt with in several chapters of Kautilya's *Arthasāstra*, on which Somadeva's own treatment of the topic in *Nītivākyāmṛta* is based. In *Yasastilaka*, too, he is indebted to Kautilya (Chap. XI) in the description of Yaśodhara's spy, disguised as a religious mendicant, and surrounded by disciples who proclaim his mystic powers.<sup>3</sup> The expression *siddhah sāmmedhikah* occurring in *Yasastilaka*, Book III, is taken from Kautilya (op. cit.); and the topic is, of course, elaborated in the romance. As regards the report of the spy on the corruption of one of the ministers of Yaśodhara, analysed elsewhere (Chap. II), its prototype may be found

1 Cf. राजा प्रदत्ते रक्षाय हेतुग्रामेऽग्रहारवत् । लिखेत् पट्टोपाध्यायो न वदा दानपट्टकम् ॥ तदाक्षपटलं गत्वा रक्षः कोपात् तत्रवर्षीत् । रक्षस्त हेतु दिण्णेति दासीयुत न लिख्यते ॥ 5. 397-398. Kautilya deals with the organisation of the Akṣapātala in *Arthasāstra* 2. 7; it was the Records and Accounts office combined.

2 *Yasastilaka* 3. 173.

3 See Chap. IV.

in the *Mahābhārata* (*Sāntiparva*, chap. 82) in the story of the sage Kālakavṛkṣiya, who, taking with him a crow credited with the power of soothsaying, goes round the capital of the king of Kosala and observes the evil ways of his ministers, and later reports to him all details of their corruption and conspiracies.

Reference is made in Book III to the Chief of the secret agents called Variṣṭhaka<sup>1</sup>, and it is he who reports to the king the arrival of the spy from his tour.<sup>2</sup> Śrutasāgara in his commentary seems to take Variṣṭhaka as a proper name, but in Book IV we find a Variṣṭhaka named Vaikuṇṭhamati, who brings, however, an ordinary message to the king.<sup>3</sup> The spy in his report mentions also a chief of the emissaries or couriers (*jaṅghācārīka-nāyaka*).<sup>4</sup> Śrutasāgara and Ms. A, however, explain the term *jaṅghācārīka* as a *cārapuruṣa*, *herika*, a spy.<sup>5</sup> The forms *jaṅghārīka* and *jaṅghākarīka* occur in *Arthasāstra* II. I, but there the word is taken to mean 'messenger' or 'courier'.<sup>6</sup> It is difficult to determine the exact significance of these terms, but there is no doubt that the Criminal Intelligence Department had many ramifications, and was as important in the tenth century as it was in the days of Kauṭilya.

We have already referred to Somadeva's description of the regiments of Yaśodhara's army in connection with the review of troops, which is included by Yājñavalkya (1. 329) in the daily routine of the king. In *Nītivākyaṃṛta* 22. 17 the king's neglect to review the troops personally is described as one of the causes of the disaffection of the army.

Elephants and horses were two principal components of old Indian armies; and a number of verses occurs on the importance of the military rôle of these animals (2. 176, 180):

अयेषु दुर्गाणि जलेषु सेतवो गृहाणि मार्गेषु रणेषु राक्षसाः ।

मनःप्रसादेषु विनोदवेधसो गजा इवान्यत् किमिहास्ति बाहनम् ॥

Elephants serve as fortresses in danger, as causeways in traversing waters, as houses on the wayside, and as monsters in battle. They give

1 See Chap. II.

2 'जनश्रुतिमादायागतः शङ्खनकनामा प्रणिधिरिति गृहपुरुषाधिष्ठायकाद्वरिष्ठकादाकर्ण्य' P. 400.

3 '.....तदर्थं चैव नगरे पीराणामुद्योतनमः । तत्र देवः कालविलम्बनमकृत्वा सज्जीभवतु मञ्जनादिषु क्रियाम्' इत्यागत्य वैकुण्ठमतिना वरिष्ठकेन विज्ञते..... P. 158.

4 'जङ्घाचारिकनायकस्य विश्वासोः'. Printed text reads नामकस्य which is incorrect. Ms. A reads नायकस्य.

5 Śrutasāgara says चारपुरुषप्रधानस्य.

6 See Shama Sastri's Translation and Word Index, and M. M. Ganapati Sastri's ed.

delight in moments of joy: what other vehicle is there in the world, comparable to them?

पुरः प्रत्यक्षपक्षमिभिरभिहन्तुं व्यवसिते गतैः सर्वैर्गर्वाद् समरसमये सिम्पुरपत्नी ।

विदीर्णं मातङ्गैस्तुरगनिबद्धैश्चापि दलितं रथैः प्राक्षं पटैः पिशितकवलीभूतमचिरात् ॥

When, at the time of battle, a mighty elephant proudly begins to charge, stepping to and fro, and turning to the right and to the left, with all possible movements, the foeman's elephants are ere long pierced, the horses crushed, the chariots scattered, and the infantry reduced to pulp. The speed of elephants is praised in *Yasastilaka* 3. 309, and Somadeva, the writer on polity, goes as far as to offer salutation to elephants (2. 169):

सामोज्जवाय क्षुभलक्षणलक्षिताय दिव्यात्मने सकलदेवनिष्केतनाय ।

कल्याणमङ्गलमहोत्सवकारणाय तुभ्यं नमः करिवराय वराय नित्यम् ॥

A large number of technical terms appertaining to elephant lore is used in Books II and III. In the latter Book Somadeva enumerates the different methods of treatment applied to rutting elephants,<sup>1</sup> and gives the names of certain kinds of elephants and the particular states of intoxication to which they are subject. For example,

Names of elephants	States of intoxication
Vasumatītilaka	Samjāta-tilakā
Paṭṭavardhana	Ādra-kapolikā
Uddhatāṅkuśa	Ādhonibandhinī
Paracakra-pramardana	Gandhacāriṇī
Ahitakula-kālānala	Krodhinī
Carcarīvataṁsa	Ativartini
Vijayaśekhara	Sambhinna-madamaryādā

The above details are in our work reported to the king by an army commander; and elephant-lore, like the science of horses, was regarded as an auxiliary branch of statecraft in view of the important part played by elephants in warfare.

Like elephants, horses are also praised for their utility in war, and mention is made of various characteristics of efficient chargers. Particularly good are the well-trained ones with well-proportioned, symmetrical and compact limbs (2. 206).<sup>2</sup> Good horses have large foreheads, mouths depressed on the outside, smooth skins, stout shoulders, long

1 'सोत्साङ्गुदणसंयय्यास्तारमुखवर्धनकटवर्धनकटशोभनप्रतिभेदनवर्धनवर्णकरगन्धकरोद्दीपनहासजविनिवर्तनप्रभेदमदोपका-  
रोपदेशविशारद'..... P. 495.

2 अङ्गुलाधिकदेशः समस्तुभिश्चाक्ष्य भक्षैभिः सर्वैः। संदतवनाङ्गवन्मः। कृतपिनयाः कामदास्तुरगाः ॥



legs, broad backs and lean bellies (2. 203).<sup>1</sup> Their colours are like those of pearls, or blue lotuses, or gold, or filaments of flowers, or collyrium, or bees, or the rising sun, or Aśoka flowers, or parrots. The neighing of good horses is deep like the trumpeting of elephants, or the roar of lions, or the bellowing of oxen, or like the sound of trumpets, drums or clouds; and the smell of lotuses, blue lotuses, Mālati flowers, clarified butter, honey, milk, or the perspiration of rutting elephants is present in their perspiration, mouths and ears (2. 197-9).

Questions of food and drink are discussed in relation to health and physical well-being in a large number of verses (3. 321-74) attributed to the court physician Sajjana, alias Vaidyavidyāvilāsa, to whose words the king listens at meal-time. Sajjana is also described as one who gives instruction in the art of producing sixty-three varieties of flavours by primary and secondary combinations of the usual six,<sup>2</sup> and Śrutasaṅgāra in his commentary gives a formidable list of these combinations. Sound dietetics is a subject intimately connected with the welfare of the king, and accordingly given a place in Somadeva's discourse on the art of government.

Sajjana says many sensible things. Addressing the king, he remarks that just as food is not well cooked in a vessel that is neither covered nor stirred, so a man who has neither sleep nor exercise cannot digest what he eats (3.322). He who gorges himself with food gluttonously even when he is not hungry stirs up diseases, like dormant snakes, for his own ruin (3.329). All stale food with the exception of clarified butter and liquids, food containing hair or worms, and *réchauffés* should be avoided (3.344); and one should also abstain from overeating, undereating, eating of combinations of hygienic and unhygienic food, and eating immediately after eating (3.345).<sup>3</sup>

Certain kinds of food are recommended for particular reasons. In the autumn one should take sweet, bitter and astringent things; in the rainy season and the winter sweet, salty and sour things; in the spring pungent, bitter and astringent things; and in the summer mild preparations (3.349). Again, in the winter one should take fresh food, preparations of milk, pulses, and sugarcane, curds, and things prepared with ghee; and oil, too, is beneficial (3.350). In the spring one should take food consisting chiefly of barley and wheat, and containing little ghee, and avoid

1 विशाकमाका वदिरानताकाः वस्त्रलवणः पीवरवातुदेहाः । कुरीषजहाः पशुग्रहमध्यास्तनूवराः कामकृतस्तुरङ्गाः ॥

2 'रसानां शुद्धसंस्पर्शमेवेव त्रिषष्टिव्यञ्जनोपपद्यमानः सञ्जनमिषया'.

3 'अत्यशनं कृच्छ्रघातं समशनमप्यशनमप्य संत्याज्यम्'.

heavy, cold and sweet dishes (3.351). On hot days one should take Śali rice, Moog soup containing ghee, lotus stalks, fresh shoots and bulbs, fried barley flour, sherbets, curds mixed with sugar and spices, coconut-milk, and water or milk with plenty of sugar (3.352). In the rainy season the food should be dry light, oily and warm; and preparations of old Śali rice, wheat and barley should be taken (3.353). In the autumn the diet should consist of ghee, moog, Śali rice, powdered wheat, preparations of milk, *patolas*, grapes, Āmalaki fruits, sugar, and sweet bulbs and leaves (3.354).<sup>1</sup> A number of vegetables including slices of fresh ginger is praised in 3.356<sup>2</sup>, and the properties of ghee, curds, butter and milk are described in verses 3.360-63. We are also told that the constant eating of over-sweet dishes leads to indigestion, too much of salty food causes weakening of vision, extremely sour and pungent dishes lead to physical decay, and any unhygienic food causes loss of strength as soon as it is taken (3.364). Certain remedies are suggested for indigestion (3.366), and emphasis is laid on the proper use of water. Water is called both *amṛta* and *viṣa*; properly used, it is *amṛta*, nectar, and used without proper care, it is *viṣa*, poison (3.368). Transparent water without any taste and smell, and swept by wind and sunshine, is beneficial by nature; in all other cases water should be boiled before drinking. Water exposed to the rays of the sun and the moon should not be used longer than a day and a night; water boiled in daytime should not be taken at night, and water boiled at night should not be taken in daytime (3. 370-1).

Examination of food and detection of poison is dealt with in a number of verses; and the subject has, of course, an important bearing on the safety of the king, and is exhaustively dealt with in Kautilya's *Arthasāstra* I. XXI. Speaking of poison, the court physician mentions certain phenomena indicating its presence in food. He observes that, at the sight of poison, crows and cuckoos cry in an unwonted fashion, mungoes and peacocks are overjoyed, the Krauñca bird sleeps, the cock crows in a harsh tone, the parrot vomits, and the monkey evacuates bowels; while the eyes of the Cakora bird lose colour, and the goose limps. Besides, flies do not settle on food containing poison (3. 338-9). Addressing the king, Sajjana further remarks that fire crackles in contact with food mixed with poison, as it does when a quantity of salt is thrown into it (3. 340).

1 इतं मुद्राः कृतिः समिधमिहृतिः क्षीरमिधः पटोलं वृदीकाः कलमिह च वाग्नाः सङ्गुचितम् । सिता क्षीतञ्जया मधुरसवयं कन्दमुपकं वरुणाके सेव्यं रजनिवदने चन्द्रकिरणाः ॥

2 शकं हुन्ताके क्षीरकं कारवेकं विष्टी क्षीरमयी वास्तुकाङ्गुलीयः । सवः संवृष्टः पर्यादिर्नयन्ताः किं सलोकैरेव कालवधार्थकम् ॥

Certain kinds of food are forbidden under given circumstances, for example, germinating paddy, and ghee kept in a brass vessel for a period of ten days (3. 341). Further, bananas should not be taken with curds and butter-milk nor milk with salt.....nor broth of pulses with radishes; fried barley powder should not be taken when it becomes compact like curds, and all sesamum preparations are prohibited at night (3. 342-43).

The discourse on food and drink shows the importance attached by Somadeva to a proper understanding of dietetics for the safety and physical wellbeing of the king and the efficient discharge of his duties.<sup>1</sup> It shows also the Jaina teacher's keen interest in the secular branches of study.

It is evident that Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* does not go over the entire range of topics dealt with in the *nītisāstras*, but rather concentrates on problems affecting the king personally and the rôle played by him in the administration of the state. Considered from this point of view, the relevant portion of *Yasastilaka* reminds one of the Mirrors or manuals of instruction for the guidance of kings, which were widely prevalent in the Middle Ages in the West, such as the book of Agapetos, the tutor of the Emperor Justinian (sixth century A. D.), and specially the famous *Secretum Secretorum* attributed to Aristotle, many versions of which are known to exist in different languages.<sup>2</sup> There are, for instance, Latin texts not earlier than the twelfth century, which 'in their turn rest on Arabic originals'. We may here refer to two English versions, the first from a shortened French source, the second from a Latin source made soon after 1400 A. D.<sup>3</sup> The Prologue to the first version tells us that the book was translated from Greek into Syriac, and thence into Arabic. It is interesting to find that although Somadeva's discourse is far more systematic and methodical, and more intimately connected with the actual problems of administration, there are certain noteworthy points of resemblance between his work and the *Secretum Secretorum*. Firstly, as in *Yasastilaka*, the king is warned in the *Secretum* never to trust a woman, and it is also pointed out that many kings have been poisoned, a woman's hate being the worst poison.<sup>4</sup> Secondly, both works treat of questions of health and food and drink; and proportionately speaking, the *Secretum* seems to attach even greater importance to the subject

1 Cf. the treatise on diet composed by Anthimus, a Byzantine doctor, for the Frank king Clovis (481-511 A. D.), to whom he had been sent by Theoderic the Great.

2 J. R. A. S. 1908, pp. 1065-1084.

3 See *Three Prose Versions of the Secreta Secretorum*, ed. Steele, Part I. Text and Glossary. (Early English Text Society).

4 Pp. 20, 84.

than our text. Both works deal with the seasons and the kinds of food appropriate to each of them;<sup>1</sup> and the *Secretum*, too, speaks of forbidden combinations of food, e. g., milk and flesh.<sup>2</sup> Thirdly, the qualities of secretaries, messengers, and counsellors are dealt with in the *Secretum* as in *Yasastilaka*, although the subject is treated far more exhaustively by Somadeva with concrete details and illustrations. The opinion of the *Secretum* that the king should have five counsellors, or not less than three, if five are not available,<sup>3</sup> may be compared with Somadeva's recommendation in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* that the number of ministers should be three or five or seven. On the other hand, the author of *Yasastilaka* does not evince any interest in certain topics dealt with at length in the *Secretum* e. g., physiognomy, miraculous properties of plants, magic stones etc.

It is a noteworthy feature of Somadeva as a political thinker that he divests himself of his theological bias while treating of the problems of the state. For example, as an exponent of Jaina doctrines he severely condemns the Lokāyatika or materialistic view of life,<sup>4</sup> but in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* 6. 33 he declares that a king conversant with the Lokāyatika system is capable of exterminating the malefactors of the state. Similarly, while emphasizing the importance of Dharma, he declares in the same work that he who solely devotes himself to Dharma, overriding the claims of Artha and Kāma, is like a man who tills a forest, abandoning a ripe cornfield (1. 44). It is also noteworthy that at the beginning of *Nītivākyaṃṛta* Somadeva offers obeisance not to the Arhat but to the State (Rājya); and his method of approach to the problems of government is certainly not that of a Jaina theologian but that of an unbiassed thinker with considerable knowledge and experience of the affairs of the state. The non-theological attitude of the Jaina author in matters affecting the state may be contrasted with the outlook of certain Western political thinkers of the Carolingian age, who were Churchmen and 'approached the questions at issue through theology.' The aim of writers like Smaragdus, Jonas and Sedulius, who paid attention to the problem of government in the first half of the ninth century, and wrote hortatory treatises, contrasting the good and the bad ruler, is, generally speaking, to produce, 'as it were, manuals of Christian ethics for Christian rulers'. Admonitions such as

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1 Pp. 27, 72.

2 P. 76.

3 Pp. 98, 101.

4 See Chap. VIII.

5 Laistner: *Thought and Letters in Western Europe (A. D. 500 to 900)*, p. 261.

that 'the Christian ruler must trust in divine aid rather than in his own courage and that of his troops' would have appeared highly incongruous to the Jaina thinker.

Somadeva's ideal of kingship is evident from his description of the life of Yaśodhara as a ruler. In presenting before us a picture of his activities, the author of *Yasastilaka* does not attempt to make him a paragon of virtue or even a hero, but is content to depict him as a prince diligent in discharging the duties that devolve upon him as the ruler of the state. Yet he came to an untimely end, because of his failure to take precaution against a woman's perfidy; and his example is intended to be an object lesson for other kings to profit by. Yaśodhara, as represented by Somadeva, is very different from the Syrian king, mentioned by Dio Chrysostom,<sup>1</sup> who spent his life indoors with eunuchs and concubines without even a glimpse of army or war or assembly at all. It may be noted that Dio insists on virile pursuits for the king, and considers hunting to be the best recreation for him.<sup>2</sup> Yaśodhara does not indeed indulge in hunting, but we see him training elephants and armouring their tusks and practising archery. More questionable is his participation in the summer sports and the gaieties of moonrise in the company of young women, as described in *Yasastilaka*, Book III; but this may be regarded as a concession to prevailing custom and the conventions of *kāvya* poetry, and is certainly contrary to Somadeva's considered opinion against the association of the king with the women of the harem.

Somadeva's discourse on the problems of government in *Yasastilaka* is doubtless unparalleled in *kāvya* literature, but it should be remembered that earlier poets like Bhāravi, Māgha, Bhaṭṭi, and Ratnākara also deal with aspects of Nīti especially in relation to matters affecting peace and war; while Bāṇa's interest in the duties and responsibilities of kingship is revealed in Śukanāsa's advice to Candrāpīḍa. Further, Bāṇa, like Somadeva, records in *Harṣacarita*, Book VI, a large number of semi-legendary traditions illustrating the mortal danger to kings from carelessness and risky adventures and from the machinations of women. Somadeva and Bāṇa both seem to draw on earlier sources, as similar stories, for instance, those about women murdering kings, are also found in Kauṭilya's *Arthasāstra* I. XX and Kāmandaka's *Nītisāra* 7. 11. 51 ff.

1 In the Fourth Discourse on Kingship. Dio was a Greek moralist of the first century A. D.

2 In the Third Discourse on Kingship.

## SOCIAL DATA

The interesting data concerning religious conditions in the tenth century, preserved in our text, constitute a large mass of information which has been analysed in subsequent chapters; and we may here confine ourselves to Somadeva's references to social conditions proper.

The charges brought by the spy against the king's minister, a provincial governor, in Book III, point to certain potential abuses of the times, and similar incidents are mentioned also in *Rājatarāṅgiṇī*. The spy, for instance, says (3. 172):

वायसमवेयु विधिः सिद्धाचः क्षीरिकनिसकालेषु । कवनावसरेषु पुनः स्वच्छन्दः सैनिकावायः ॥

The minister is alleged to be responsible for three things: demanding unpaid labour at the time of sowing, collection of dues while the ears of corn are still unripe, and the unbridled movement of troops at the harvesting season. In *Nītivākyāmṛta* 19. 15, 16 Somadeva says that the collection of dues (*siddhādāya*) while the ears of corn are unripe depopulates a country, and the movement of troops at the time of harvest leads to famine.<sup>1</sup> As regards unpaid or forced labour (*viṣṭi*), it goes back to early times; and Kauṭilya says in *Arthasāstra* II. I that the king should protect agriculture from the abuses of fines, forced labour, and taxation.<sup>2</sup> Forced labour seems to have been the poor man's terror as we learn from the parable of the foolish son in *Saddharmapundarīka*, wherein the vagrant youth comes after years to beg at the mansion of his wealthy father, and taking the latter for a king or a grandee, fears lest he should be detained to do forced labour, and slinks away in a hurry.<sup>3</sup> The grant of a village sometimes carried with it the right to unpaid labour within the area granted. A record of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa king Indra III, dated 915 A. D., grants, for instance, a village called Tenna to a Brāhmaṇa with the accompanying right to forced labour as occasion presents itself.<sup>4</sup> Somadeva, it should be noted, takes exception to forced labour only at the time of sowing.

It is also alleged by the spy that Yaśodhara's minister misappropriates *agrahāras* and *devabhogas*.<sup>5</sup> *Agrahāras* are villages granted to Brāhmaṇas, and *devabhogas* are temple endowments (villages, cornfields

1 'क्षीरिषु कनिकेषु सिद्धाचो वनपदमुद्रासवसि', 'कवनावसरेषु पुनः स्वच्छन्दः सैनिकावायः ॥'

2 'दण्डविधिकानाम् रक्षेदुपहतां कृषिम्'.

3 'या दानि शीघ्रं मे कर्मेयनम् युहितं वेदिं मे च कारयेत्' IV. 17.

4 'सोत्तवमानविधिक' *B. I. Vol. IX* (Two grants of Indrarāja III).

5 *Yasastilaka* 3. 236 quoted in Chap. II (q. v.)

etc.); and the two terms are sometimes mentioned together, e. g., in the aforesaid grant of Indra III (verse 24). It was, of course, an abuse of power to rob the grantees of their legitimate rights, and similar instances are also recorded in the *Rājatarāṅgiṇī*. For example, during the reign of Avantivarman (855-883 A. D.) a powerful feudal baron was beheaded under the orders of the minister Śūra for the crime of robbing the temple of Bhūteśa of villages (5. 52 ff.). Some of the later kings of Kashmir were themselves notorious for such usurpations, notably Śaṅkaravarman (889-902 A. D.), Kalaśa (1063-89 A. D.), and Harṣa (1089-1101 A. D.). Kalhana deploras the fact that Gauraka, the aged and virtuous minister of Harṣa, accepted the post of Arthanāyaka (Prefect of Wealth) for the confiscation of the villages and the entire property of all the temples of the gods (7. 1103-4).

The next charge against the minister is that he melts down the images of the gods and replaces them by those of lesser value; he also sells an image, and with the proceeds institutes a religious festival.<sup>1</sup> The motives of the minister are evidently not only cupidity but a show of piety. Be that as it may, the practice of melting down images by greedy monarchs is wellknown in history and found not only in India but also elsewhere; it was a form of sacrilege akin to the plunder of temples practised by many kings for the treasury. The *Rājatarāṅgiṇī* has a good deal to say about such practices being resorted to by the kings of Kashmir. Śaṅkaravarman plundered sixty-four temples of the gods (5. 169). Kalaśa removed the copper image of the Sun called Tāmrāsṡāmin, and carried away also the brass statues from the Vihāras (7. 696). The climax came during the reign of Harṣa, who, after plundering the treasures of the temples granted by former kings, turned his attention to the images, and appointed an officer called the Prefect for the uprooting of the gods (*devotpātana-nāyaka*), with the result that images of gods made of gold, silver and other metals rolled in filth in the streets, like faggots of wood (7. 1089 ff.). Another king of Kashmir Kṣemagupta (950-958 A. D.), a contemporary of Somadeva, used the brass from a statue of Buddha in building the shrine of Kṣema-Gaurīśvara, a show of piety comparable to that of Yaśodhara's minister (6. 172-3). Turning elsewhere, we find that towards the end of the twelfth century a prince of Gujarat, Prahlādanadeva, the author of *Pārthaparākrama Vyāyoga* and founder of Palanpur, melted a brass statue of Jīna for making a bull for the Acalesvara temple; and there is a legend that he was stricken with leprosy as a result of the sin, but cured himself by building a monastery

1 Ibid. 3. 227, 235 quoted in Chap. II (q. v.)



and setting up therein Jaina statues and shrines.<sup>1</sup> The references in *Yasastilaka* would lead one to suppose that the melting down of images to meet financial needs was not unknown in the Deccan in the tenth century, and Somadeva's statements may be taken as a kind of protest against the practice being resorted to by provincial governors.<sup>2</sup> It may be mentioned in this connection that, elsewhere, during the reign of the Byzantine Emperor Alexius I Comnenus (1081-1118 A. D.), Leo, Bishop of Chalcedon, came to grief for protesting against the melting down of icons 'for purposes of filling the imperial treasury'.<sup>3</sup>

The spy in his report describes Yaśodhara's minister as a monster of financial corruption (*lañcā-luñcā-nisācaraḥ* 3. 185). *Lañcā* or *lañva* is bribery,<sup>4</sup> while *luñcā* is extortion; and the phrase is used in the sense of financial corruption in general. Somadeva deals with the subject in his *Nītivākyāmrta* and describes *lañcaluñcā* as the source of all evils. Financial malpractice represents the seamy side of government, and Somadeva exhorts the king not to allow persons who come on business to become the victims of rapacious officials.<sup>5</sup>

Glimpses of economic prosperity are occasionally afforded by our work. The description of a prosperous dairy-farm of Karahāṭa occurring in Book V has been translated in the previous chapter. More interesting is the description of the mart owned and run by the trusted priest Śrībhūti in the story recounted in *Yasastilaka*, Book VII, section 27. We are told that

- 1 See Dalal's *Introduction* to the play in *G. O. S.*
- 2 Classical antiquity provides instances of rapacious princes laying sacrilegious hands on costly images. Clement of Alexandria (second century A. D.) reports in his *Exhortation to the Greeks* (Chap. IV) that the tyrant Dionysius the younger stripped the statue of Zeus in Sicily of its golden cloak and ordered it to be clothed with a woolen one; while Antiochus of Oxyrius, a Greek city of Asia Minor, when he was in want of money, ordered the golden statue of Zeus, fifteen cubits high, to be melted down, and a similar statue of cheaper material covered with gold leaf to be set up in its place.
- 3 Hussey: *Church and Learning in the Byzantine Empire*, p. 94.
- 4 *Lañva*, 'bribe', is used in Pali, being peculiar to the Jātaka literature. See Rhys Davids: *Pali-English Dictionary*. Cf. Pali *lañcakhādaka*, 'bribe-eater'. The Bengali expression *ghuṭkhor* means the same thing. Compare also *lāca khāpe* in Marāṭhi and *lañca sinna* in Kannada.
- 5 'कार्यायिनः पुस्तकम् अश्रुतानिशाचराणां भूतबलीय कुर्वारः'; 'अश्रुतानां हि सर्वपातकानामागमनद्वारम्'; 'मातुः सनमसि कुचन्ति अश्रुतपरीयिनः' etc. Śrutasāgara in his comm. on *Yasastilaka* 3. 185 explains अश्रुतानिशाचरः as उत्क्रोड(च ?)-बोटने राक्षसः. The anonymous comm. on *Nītivākyāmrta* says अश्रुतानिशाचराणां कुचकचयेन (अश्रुतयेन ?) उत्क्रोचः कुचकचयेन वलात्कारः यत एव निशाचरा राक्षसाः. Farther on it says अश्रेण वलात्कारप्रदयेन, also अश्रेण कार्यकरणे वलात्कारेण हरणे. There is some confusion of meaning, but the expression as a whole signifies extortion or unlawful exactions by the king or his officials. Somadeva remarks in *Nītivākyāmrta* (op. cit.): राक्षो अश्रेण कार्यकरणे कस नाम वलात्कारम्.

the mart (*penṭhāsthāna*) was furnished with tents containing many compartments and large stores of merchandise, with stalls for cattle nearby. Water, fodder and fire-wood were easily available, and the establishment covered an area of about four miles. It was closely guarded by troops, and protected by moats, gates, walls and ramparts, and had avenues with arrangements for water-supply, eating houses, assembly halls, and warehouses for different classes of commodities. Gamblers, whoremongers, jesters and dancing masters were excluded from the precincts of the mart. Here merchants from many countries were allowed to carry on their business, the rates of toll and rent being extremely moderate.<sup>1</sup> The mart maintained by Śrībhūti seems to be entirely a private organisation, but in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* 19. 21 Somadeva speaks of *pinṭhā* (sic) as a state organisation, and observes that a mart 'maintained with justice' is a source of endless profits to the king.<sup>2</sup> The commentary on the latter work explains *pinṭhā* as *sulkasthāna*, and quotes a verse from Śūkra to the effect that toll should not be realised at excessive rates, and whatever is stolen by thieves from the mart should be restored to the merchants by the king from his own treasury.<sup>3</sup> The *pinṭhā* is described in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* as *panyaputaḥhedini*, explained in the commentary as containing diverse places for storing commodities,<sup>4</sup> and it seems to have had an elaborate organisation, to judge from the description in *Yasastilaka*. The granting of proper facilities and protection to merchants was the chief aim of these emporiums, which were also an important source of revenue to the state.

References to the fine arts are few and far between in our work. An interesting statuary group is presented in the description of the Pavilion of mechanical showers in Book III.<sup>5</sup> The account of the Jaina temple in Book V is chiefly remarkable for its paintings, of which two categories are mentioned.<sup>6</sup> Firstly, there are portraits of wellknown figures of Jaina legend and mythology, viz. Bāhubali the warrior saint,<sup>7</sup> Pradyumna whose austerities

1 'स किल श्रीभूतिर्विवासरसनिर्विघ्नतया परोपकारनिघ्नतया च विमलानेकापवरकरचनाशालिनीमिमैहामाण्डवाहिनीभिर्गो-  
शालोपशस्याभिः कुल्याभिः समन्वितम्, अतिशुलभजलयवसेन्धनप्रचारम्, भण्डनारम्भोद्भूतभरीरपेटकपक्षरक्षासारम्,  
गोस्तममाणं वप्रभाकारप्रतोलिपरिस्फापरिस्फुलितत्राणं प्रपासत्रसमासनाथवीथिनिवेशनं पण्यपुटभेदनं विदूरीतकितवदितविदू-  
षकपीठमर्दावस्थानं पेण्ठास्थानं विनिर्माप्य नानादिग्देशोपसर्पणशुभां वणिजां प्रशान्तशुल्कमादकमागहारव्यवहारमचीकरत् ।  
p. 345.

2 'न्यायेन रक्षिता पण्यपुटभेदिनी पिण्ठा राज्ञां कामधेनुः'.

3 तथा च शुक्रः—प्राधान्यं नैवाधिकं शुल्कं चौरैर्व्याहतं भवेत् । पिण्ठयां शूयुजा देवं वणिजां सत् स्वकोशतः ॥

4 'पण्यानि वणिग्जनानां कुकुमदिशुल्कादीनि क्रवाणकानि तेषां पुटः स्थानानि भिद्यन्ते यस्मां सा पण्यपुटभेदिनी ।'

5 See Chap. II.

6 'शुक्रविकृतिरिव विभवपुण्य' p. 246.

7 'विजयसेनेव बाहुबलिविदिता'.

are celebrated in Jaina legend,<sup>1</sup> the Tirthankara Supārśva,<sup>2</sup> and king Aśokacandra and his consort Rohiṇī, the woman who did not know how to weep.<sup>3</sup> Secondly, there are representations of most of the dreams of Ṛṣabha Jina's mother, e. g., the Airāvata elephant, a bull, a lion, the goddess Lakṣmī, the sun and the moon, a lotus-pool, the ocean, flames, a heap of jewels, and an aerial car.<sup>4</sup> Further, the temple is described as being marked with two fish, like the Mudrā of the Pāṇḍyan kings.<sup>5</sup> The figures of fish were apparently painted on the walls, a pair of fish being included among the eight auspicious objects of the Jinas. It may be noted in this connection that the fish appears also in early Christian art where it 'recalled the name of Jesus, as Christ, Son of God and Saviour'.<sup>6</sup> As regards the Pāṇḍyan *mudrā*, it might mean seal or coin or perhaps both. We know that "gold coins bearing the emblem universally adopted by the Pāṇḍyas in later times, viz. the fish have been attributed to a period from the 7th to the 10th century A. D."<sup>7</sup> It is extremely probable that Somadeva actually saw Pāṇḍyan coins with the double fish emblem.<sup>8</sup>

In the course of the description of the Jaina temple Somadeva refers to two technical terms of painting: *rūpaṅganikā* 'the study of figures' and *pārśvāgata* 'the side view proper', being one of the nine different positions in which the figures may appear.<sup>9</sup> *Viṣṇudharmottara* 39. 1 (Part III) says, *nava sthānāni rūpāṅgām*.<sup>10</sup>

Writing in ink on ivory slabs is mentioned in Book I.<sup>11</sup> In Book III Somadeva refers to a gold ring with the figure of Lakṣmī stamped on

1 'प्रकटरसिजीवितेश'. Ms. A remarks प्रकटः कामो यत्र, प्रपुञ्जस्वामी चित्रलिखितो यत्र.

2 'सुपाशंगता'.

3 'अशोकरोहिणीपेशका'. For the story see the *Kathā* of Kanakakuśala.

4 'संनिहितैरावता.....आसीनसौरभेया.....निलीनोपकण्ठकण्ठीरवा.....रमोपसोभिता' etc. Ms. A remarks चित्रलिखितस्वभावली.

5 'पाण्ड्यमुद्रैव शकुलियुगलाङ्गिता'.

6 Foakes Jackson: *History of Christianity A. D. 690-1314*, p. 35.

7 Rapson: *Indian Coins*, p. 36.

8 Prof. K. A. Nilakanta Sastri writes to me that the Pāṇḍyan emblem was always a pair of fish—both *lāñchana* and *dhvaja*. Jayanagara of E. Java (1309-28) who called himself Sundarapāṇḍyadevādhiśvara-nāma-rājābhīṣeka also had a pair of fish for his mark on his seal. Pāṇḍyan coins with fishes on them are noticed also by Hultsch in *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. 21, p. 324 and by Codrington: *Ceylon coins and currency*, pp. 86-89.

9 'रूपगुणविकेन सुपाशंगता', which refers also to the Tirthankara Supārśva by देव.

10 See also Kramrisch: *Viṣṇudharmottara*, p. 13.

11 'दिवरदकलकमपीलिखितलिखितानि' p. 79.

it.<sup>1</sup> Glass bangles are mentioned in Book IV.<sup>2</sup> Shopfronts of garland-sellers,<sup>3</sup> stalls of dealers in perfumes,<sup>4</sup> and streets full of courtesans and women messengers<sup>5</sup> form part of the description of evening scenery at the beginning of Book IV. The gorgeous apartments of the queen are located on the top floor of a seven-storied palace,<sup>6</sup> and a Jaina shrine is described as being on the top floor of a seven-storied palace belonging to a wealthy merchant in a story in Book VI, section 12. Palaces whence elephant-races were witnessed are mentioned in Books III and VII, section 32.<sup>7</sup>

The prevalence of early marriage is attested both in *Yastilaka* and *Nitiwākyāmṛta*. A speaker in a story in the former work (Book VI, section 19) identifies heaven with the mutual love of a maiden, twelve years of age, and a youth of sixteen<sup>8</sup>; while in *Nitiwākyāmṛta* 31. 1 it is clearly said that a maiden and a youth of the age specified above are fit for marital relations.<sup>9</sup>

Certain details concerning crime and punishment are preserved in *Yastilaka*. In a story in Book VII, section 27, the priest Śrībhūti who is found guilty of breach of trust is given three choices by the king: he must either swallow three bowls of cow-dung or receive thirty-three blows to be given by powerful wrestlers, or forfeit his entire property. When he chooses the latter alternative, all his wealth is confiscated; and he is smeared with clay teeming with worms, and made to wear garlands of potsherds and abandoned platters, and expelled from the city seated on the back of a donkey. Similar treatment is meted out to Parvata by the enraged citizens in a story in Book VII, section 30. He is pelted with clods of earth and severely whipped and turned out of the city on the back of a donkey, clothed in rags from the cremation ground, and wearing a garland

1 'कङ्कणीयुद्धाङ्गं गात्रेनोर्मिकाभिः' p. 394.

2 'को नु सङ्गु विषटितं चेतः रक्तिकवल्यमिव युषापि संपातुमर्हति' p. 77.

3 'स्रग्वाजीविनामापणरङ्गमागेषु' p. 18.

4 'सीगन्धिकानां विषणिविस्तारेषु' p. 18.

5 'पण्वाङ्गनासमितिभिः.....संचारिकानिकायेन च समाकुलेषु....राजवीथीमण्डलेषु' p. 19.

6 'सप्ततलप्रासादोपरितनयागवर्तिनि.....नामगवने' Book IV, p. 29. A partially ruined palace, known as the Kusk Mahal, at Chanderi, now in Gwalior state, has been identified as a seven-storied palace ordered to be built by Mahmud Shah of Malwa in 1445. Only the remains of four stories now exist. Percy Brown: *Indian Architecture*, Vol. II, p. 65.

7 'राजसिन्धुरप्रभावसंदर्शनप्रासादसंपादनाय'; 'प्रभावपरणिषु करिविनोदविजोक्तदोहदं प्रासादमध्यास'. Vol. I, p. 495; Vol. II, 369.

8 'दादशवर्षां स्त्री षोडशवर्षः पुरुषः । तयोरेभ्योन्यमन्यन्तसामान्यलोहरसोत्सेकमाहुर्मतिः प्रीतिः.....स्वर्गः ।' p. 317.

9 'दादशवर्षां स्त्री षोडशवर्षः पुमान् प्राप्स्यदहारी भवतः'

of platters, with the head shaven at random with the blade held in the reverse direction, and Bilva fruits suspended from the tuft of hair on the crest of the head. As we have already seen, the envoy of the king of Pañcāla was threatened with humiliation of this nature on account of the hostility of his master to Yaśodhara. In another story in Book VII, section 31, the libertine Kadārapīṅga and his father, the minister Ugrasena, who connived at his adulterous adventure, are exiled by the king after indictment in the presence of all the people.<sup>1</sup> Public humiliation of the kind noticed here seems to have been reserved for respectable offenders, and is heard of in the annals of other countries as well. In the eighth century at Rome, for example, the deposed Pope Constantine, after he was blinded, 'was led in derision through the streets seated on a horse with a woman's saddle and heavy weights attached to his feet.' Somadeva refers also to the torture of thieves and the indignities heaped upon them. In *Yasastilaka*, Book V, in the episode of king Sudatta, a thief accused of robbing and murdering a barber is condemned by the judges to 'picturesque imprisonment' (*citro bandhak*) so that he might lose his life in ten or twelve days, the preliminary indignities to be inflicted on him being riding a donkey, and fastening round the neck a row of cast off earthen vessels.<sup>2</sup>

Certain details about cruelty to animals are recorded in our work. In one of the birth-stories in Book V, a buffalo is tortured to death with revolting cruelty for killing the king's horse; and the incident is described also in Haribhadra's *Samarāṅgacakāḥ*.<sup>3</sup> We are told that the feet of the animal were tied together, and burning coals heaped upon the body, while salt water was poured over the wounds, and he was allowed to drink water mixed with boiled extracts of peppers. On the other hand, the epitaphs on the dog and the peacock who were accidentally killed, as related in another story<sup>4</sup> in the same Book, bear testimony to the love of animals. It is interesting to note that a contemporary record, the Ātakūr inscription of the Gaṅga ruler Bātuga II, who took part in the battle of Takkolam in 949 A. D., tells us that Manālara who fought in front of him in the battle made a gift of land in memory of a hound, who had attacked and killed a boar, but was himself killed in the fight.<sup>5</sup>

1 'मिलितजनसमक्षमाक्षारणापूर्वकं प्रावासयत्' p. 366.

2 'तद्वत् पादभरत्तु चर्मावदारोद्घोषिष्ठशालाजिराजिबन्धविहम्बनपूर्वकश्चिन्नो दन्धः कर्तव्यो यथायं नक्षत्रवाणिजो दक्ष-  
निद्रादिशुभिर्वा दिवसैरयम् विसृजति।' p. 245.

3 See Chap. III of this book.

4 See Chapters II and VII.

5 *Sources of Karpāṭaka History*, Vol. I, p. 97.

## CHAPTER VI

### YASASTILAKA AS A RELIGIOUS ROMANCE

As we have already remarked (Chap. IV), the Jaina writers of the tenth century and after, who composed prose romances in Sanskrit, introduced into them a religious element which was absent in the works of Daṇḍin, Bāṇa and Subandhu. Siddharṣi's *Upamitibhavaprapaṇcā Kathā* and Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* are two outstanding examples of Jaina religious romance in the tenth century, and it is evident that the development of the religious novel is a comparatively late phenomenon in Sanskrit literary history. In Prākṛit, on the other hand, we have comprehensive Jaina religious romances like Uddyotana's *Kuvalayamālā* and Haribhadra's *Samarāṭīccakathā* in prose and verse composed in the eighth century, while the extensive *Vasudevahiṇḍī* in prose is ascribed to about the seventh century, and the lost *Taraṅgavatī* of Pādalipta is much earlier.<sup>1</sup> Such religious romances are called *dharmakathā* (*dharmakathā*) in Prākṛit; and Haribhadra, in fact, enumerates four varieties of *kathā* in the prologue to his *Samarāṭīccakathā*: *arthakathā*, *kāmakathā*, *dharmakathā* and the mixed *samkīrṇakathā*. Of these the *dharmakathā* is declared to be the highest type of narrative, illustrating as it does such qualities as forbearance, kindness, honesty, renunciation, austerities, self-restraint, truthfulness, purity, non-possession, and chastity, and the Aṇuvratas and the other vows; in fact, the entire code of Jaina ethics and religious discipline. Uddyotana in his *Kuvalayamālā* mentions four types of *dharmakathā*: *ākṣepinī* or pleasant, *vikṣepinī* or unpleasant, *saṁvegajanani* or leading to knowledge, and *nirvedajanani* or leading to detachment.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of the *dharmakathā* is clear from these definitions, and we may in this connection refer to another division of *kathā* into *cariya* and *kappiya* found in *Vasudevahiṇḍī*, Chap. X, which has a bearing on the character of the *dharmakathā*. The *cariya* deals with what is actually seen, heard or experienced in matters relating to *dharma*, *artha* and *kāma*; while the *kappiya* is a story modified and altered for the purpose of instruction, and narrated in one's own way.<sup>3</sup> It is obviously an imaginative tale with a didactic purpose, and may be correlated with a *dharmakathā*.

1 *Annals of the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute*, Vol XVI, p. 31.

2 'तत्राक्षेपिणी मनोज्ञकथा, विक्षेपिणी मनःप्रसिद्धा, संवेगजननी ज्ञानोत्पत्तिकारणम्, निर्वेदजननी वैराग्यजनका ।'  
Ratnaprabhasūri's Sanskrit summary of *Kuvalayamālā*.

3 दुविहा कथा—चरिया व कपिया व । तत्र चरिया दुविहा—इत्थीय पुरिसस्त वा । वस्तवकथमकजेडु दिहुं सुवमणुसूयं चरियं  
ति बुद्धति । अ पुण विवज्जासियं बुद्धेहि उवदेसियपुत्तं समतीर सुज्जायणं कठिज्जइ तं कपियं ।'

Judged by these standards, *Yasastilaka* is clearly a *dharmakathā*. Apart from the fact that it is a comprehensive manual of Jaina moral and religious doctrines, its purpose is to illustrate the great doctrine of *ahimsā* and its manifold implications. Yaśodhara, it will be remembered, had to undergo grievous suffering in several births even for the sin of sacrificing the paste model of a cock with the idea of killing. This aspect of the story brings into relief certain moral and religious issues which throw interesting light on the Jaina view of *ahimsā*.

In the first place, the practice of sacrificing the effigy of an animal seems to have been an expedient favoured by those who were opposed to animal sacrifices as such, and instances of this are recorded not only in Indian but also Greek literature. It is stated, for example, in *Rājataranginī* 3. 7 that during the reign of Meghavāhana, an ancient king of Kashmir, who prohibited animal slaughter in the kingdom, it was the custom to sacrifice butter models of animals in Vedic rites and those of paste in the Bhūtayaña offerings.<sup>1</sup> In later times Madhvācārya is said to have introduced a reform consisting in the substitution of similar models of rice-flour for live animals in Vedic ritual.<sup>2</sup> As regards Greek tradition, Philostratus likewise says in the *Life of Apollonius of Tyana*, the Greek saint and mystic of the first century A. D., that Empedocles of Acragas (in Sicily), made at Olympia a bull out of pastry (*pemma poiēsamenos*) and sacrificed it to the god, showing thereby that he approved of the sentiments of Pythagoras.<sup>3</sup> Apollonius himself, who was opposed to animal sacrifices, is said to have condemned blood offerings in the temple at Alexandria, and sacrificed in the fire, by way of contrast, a *plasma* interpreted as a frankincense model of a bull (V. XXV). It is interesting to note that Apollonius refers in this connection to Indian sentiments, perhaps Buddhist or Jain. When the Egyptian priest sneered at his disapproval of animal sacrifices by saying that no one was so clever as to make corrections in the rites of the

1 तस्य राज्ये जिनस्यैव मारविदेविजः प्रभोः । कृतौ द्रव्यशुः पिष्टपशुभूतवलावभूत् ॥

2 See *Indian Historical Quarterly*, Vol. XVI, p. 378.

3 Book I, chap. I (*Loeb Classical Library*). Philostratus wrote about 217 A. D. Diogenes Laertius VIII. 53 records a statement that Empedocles sacrificed a bull made out of honey and barley-meal in honour of the Sacred envoys. It may be noted that the early Egyptian king Amenhotep IV (fourteenth century B. C.) is said to have offered in his temple bloodless sacrifices, chiefly of incense. He suppressed the worship of Amen and of the old gods of Egypt, and led a short-lived religious revolution in favour of the god Aten, which represented a solar monotheism based on the worship of the disc of the sun. Budge: *Egypt*, p. 146. cf. Erman: *Handbook of Egyptian Religion*, p. 63 ff. and Breasted: *Development of Religion and Thought in ancient Egypt*, p. 319 ff.



Egyptians, Apollonius is reported to have answered: "Anyone with a little wisdom, if only he comes from India". Be that as it may, the story of Yasodhara makes it clear that so far as Jainism was concerned, it was opposed even to the sacrifice of lifeless models of animals; it rejected the very idea of animal sacrifices.

In the second place, the story of Yasodhara is designed also to show that the resulting consequences might be quite out of proportion to the sin committed by an individual. The latter point is emphasized by Haribhadra in his version of the story.<sup>1</sup> He makes Yasodhara declare that even a slight error is fraught with peril, as can be seen from the dire results produced even by the sacrifice of a cock made out of paste.<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva considers the problem of *ahimsā* in its relation to *abhinivesa*, the decisive character of which is stressed in a notable discourse in Book IV. It is put in the mouth of Yasodhara, who accepts a compromise on the subject of animal sacrifice, and agrees to sacrifice an artificial cock to Candikā with the object of attaining the results obtainable by sacrificing living creatures.<sup>3</sup> The idea of killing is thus present, although a lifeless model is substituted for a real cock. Somadeva emphasizes in this connection the importance of *abhinivesa*, 'mental preoccupation or resolve', 'purpose or motive', or 'intention', and declares that "the wise speak of *abhinivesa* as occupying the paramount place in all actions leading to virtue or sin. The external sense-organs, like the rays of the sun, are drawn equally to good as well as bad objects, but that alone does not make the agent liable to virtue or sin."<sup>4</sup> This is another way of saying that it is the intention and not the outward act which determines the moral validity of an action. The idea is implied in another statement which Somadeva makes elsewhere, that if a person, pure in thought and action, inflicts injury on any one, he cannot be regarded as having done any injury at all.<sup>5</sup> Somadeva illustrates the point further, using in this connection the term *abhidhyāna* in place of *abhinivesa*. A fisherman, for example, although he does not actually kill the fish, is a sinner because his motive is *himsā*:

1 See Chap. III.

2 'अहो दारुणविवागवा अकञ्जावरणाणं जमिह देववानिमित्तं विदुमयकुमुदबहो वि एवं परिणजो ति ।' 'दारुणो व विवागो वेवस्त वि पमावचेद्विस्त जेण विदुमयकुमुदबहो वि वेच्छ करं परिणजो ति ।'

3 'सर्वेषु सत्त्वेषु हतेषु मन्त्रे मन्त्रे फलं देवि तदत्र मूयात्' Book IV, p. 163.

4 'अभिनिवेशं च पुनः पापपुण्यक्रियासु प्रधानं निधानमात्मनस्ति मनीषिणः । वाह्यानीन्द्रियाणि तपनतेजासीव शुभेष्वशुभेषु च वस्तुषु सर्वं विनिश्चयन्ति । न चैतावता भवति तदपिहातुः कुशलेन चादृष्टेन संवन्धः ।' Śrutasaṅgāra says अदृष्टेन पापेन. p. 138.

5 शुद्धमार्गमतोयोगः शुद्धचेतोवचोवपुः । शुद्धान्तरात्मसंयतो हितकोऽपि न हितकः ॥ Book VI, section 21, p. 335.

while a cultivator who happens to kill various creatures while tilling the ground incurs no sin, because he has no deleterious motive.<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva uses also the terms *samkalpa* and *abhisamdhī* in the same sense as *abhiniveśa*. *Abhisamdhī* is often used in this sense elsewhere, for example, in the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya* on the *Vaiśeṣika Sūtras*.<sup>2</sup> With regard to *samkalpa*, Somadeva says that the profanation of stones invested with divinity and set up with the *samkalpa* or intention of worshipping them is (in the Jaina view) a grievous sin.<sup>3</sup> Similarly, it is the *samkalpa* which makes a householder an ascetic, and an ascetic a householder.<sup>4</sup> The householder Arhaddāsa continued his religious meditation even on hearing of the death of his wife and children; while the sage Purnhūta, formerly a king, although engaged in austerities, formed a warlike resolution as soon as he heard that his son was being attacked by enemies.<sup>5</sup> The respective *samkalpas* of Arhaddāsa and Purnhūta thus determined their moral outlook, regardless of their outward vocations. Somadeva lays emphasis also on the difficulty of purifying the mind once it is polluted by an evil intention, and says that the sum total of pious acts done over a long period is completely destroyed in a moment, like a house on fire, if marred by an evil intention even once through error.<sup>6</sup> Further, the bearing and conduct of different persons towards the same object are bound to vary according to the diversity of their intentions or mental attitude. A sage, a libertine and a vulture do not, for example, have the same attitude towards the body of a young woman.<sup>7</sup>

Somadeva points out that mental activity is the main spring of virtue and sin :

नरेषु संकल्पबोधेन मन्मथो यथा प्रवर्तेत पथश्च भेदयुः । तथैव कर्माण्युभयाणि नायसादृशानि बोधाधिपतिर्विजृम्भितात् ॥

'Just as, under the stress of mental preoccupation, Love appears in men, and milk in cows (at the sight of the calf), similarly on account

1 सा कियं कापि नास्तीह यस्यां हिंसा न विद्यते । विशिष्येते परं भावावयव मुख्यानुपपत्तिकौ ॥ अन्नमपि भवेत् पापी निमग्नमपि न पापमाह । अग्निध्वानविशेषेण यथा बीवरकर्षकी ॥ Book VII, section 26, p. 335.

2 'धर्मैः.....पुरुषान्तःकारणसंबोगविशुद्धमिसन्निवजः'.

3 'संकल्पोपपन्नमिहानि च देवसायुज्यभाजिशिक्षाशकलानि किमलासादयन् पुरुषो न भवति लोके पञ्चमहापातकी ।' Book IV, p. 136. There is a marginal note in Ma. A: आसातनां कुर्वन्, which we have followed.

4 संकल्पेन च भवन्ति गृहधेयिनोऽपि मुनयः । .....मुनयश्च गृहस्थाः ।' Ibid.

5 उग्ररमधुरायां निशाप्रतिभासितकिदिवसत्रितकलत्रपुत्रमिषोपद्रवोऽप्येकवभावनमानसोऽईहासः । 'ऊल्लङ्घपुरे चरादाकणि-स्रुतस्रमरस्त्रिरतापनबोगमुतोऽपि पुत्रद्वयदेवर्षिः ।' Ibid., p. 137.

6 'चिरेणापि च कालेन कृतः कल्याणकर्मणां प्रबन्धः प्रमादबन्धेन सङ्घट्टपि संजातमिषिर्दुरमिसंघिः पावकनिक्षेपात् प्रासाद इव क्षणेन विनश्यतामूकतः ।' Ibid., p. 136

7 'अस्ति च अग्रासिद्धमिदमुदाहरणम्-यकमिषोव किल कामिनीकलेनरे मुनिकामिकुणपाणिनामभिनिवेशनिमित्तो विचित्र-निषेकः कर्मविपाक इति ।' Ibid., p. 137.

of mental activity the Self acquires karma, good and bad (Book IV, p. 137). Thus, according to Somadeva, mental activity represented by *abhinivesa* or *samkalpa* involves a process which gives rise to the physical act and determines its moral validity. And *ahimsā* is not merely abstention from killing, but presupposes the absence of the very idea of killing, the complete absence of any *samkalpa* that might have the remotest connection with injury to living creatures.

The insistence on *ahimsā* brought Jainism into conflict with diverse cults, and *Yasastilaka* preserves a faithful record of the religious conflict of the times. Somadeva's romance is a notable protest not only against the Vedic sacrificial system but against the debased form of contemporary Kaula or Tantric cults involving human sacrifice, and contains also important data on the historic conflict between Śaivism and Jainism in the South. These topics have been dealt with in subsequent chapters, and we may here confine our remarks to the protest against Tantric and Vedic rites. It may be noted that such protests occur also in Jaina works outside Sanskrit literature, for example, in the poem *Neelakesi*, one of the early Tamil classics,<sup>1</sup> which describes how the Jaina ascetic Muncandra puts a stop to blood offerings to Kālī, and foils the designs of the goddess and her chief Neelakesī, who is ultimately converted to Jainism, and preaches the doctrine of *ahimsā*. The *Neelakesi* is also a controversial work, like Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, directed against Buddhism and other systems, one chapter being devoted to the criticism of Vedavāda involving animal sacrifices.

It will be remembered that *Yasastilaka* opens with the Māradatta episode which shows the Tantric cult in the darkest colours, and there is hardly any parallel to Somadeva's graphic description of the temple of Caṇḍamārī and its horrid atmosphere in the whole range of Sanskrit literature.<sup>2</sup> The human victims are brought to the temple, but not actually sacrificed; and this gives the author an opportunity of demonstrating the salutary influence of Jainism, which undoubtedly did good work by raising its voice against blood-thirsty cults like those of Caṇḍamārī or Caṇḍikā.<sup>3</sup> A somewhat similar episode occurs in Haribhadra's *Samarāṅgacakāḥ* (Book VI) in the story of Dharāṇa, who is brought by the Śābaras to the temple of Kādambarī or Caṇḍikā as an offering, but is not actually immolated;

1 See *Jaina Antiquary*, Vol. VI, No. 2 and Vol. VII, No. 1.

2 See Chap. II.

3 Compare the early Christian protest against human sacrifices, e. g. in Clement's *Exhortation to the Greeks* (second century). In that work he records a number of Pagan cults involving human sacrifice, and remarks that such sacrifice is murder and human butchery.

and the Śābara chief Kālasena partially at least accepts the principle of *ahimsā*, and agrees to worship the idol with flowers and perfumes instead of blood offerings. In our work Māradatta and his subjects are, of course, converted to Jainism at the end; and the conversion *motif* is an appropriate feature of a religious romance, and found, for example, in early Christian novels like *Xanthippe and Polyxena* attributed to about the fourth century,<sup>1</sup> and St. John Damascene's *Barlaam and Ioasaph etc.* Perhaps more striking is the calm and fearless attitude of the two young votaries of Jainism, who are brought to the temple of Candamāri as sacrificial victims. Their courage, equanimity and dignified bearing do credit to the faith; and it is they who give utterance to the great idea of returning good for evil.<sup>2</sup> As we have pointed out elsewhere (chap. I), the idea is common in Buddhist literature, and inherent in the doctrine of the Four Actions,<sup>3</sup> but it no doubt represents one of the noblest teachings of Jainism as well. The utter resignation of the young ascetics and their readiness for suffering and disregard of death, as expressed in their own utterances, clearly illustrate some of the best moral influences of the doctrine of the Arhat. For example,

सौवस्त्वय्यथादनेन मनसा तदुःखदायकः संसाराच्चिनिमज्जनादपि कृतं किंचित्त्वदानन्दनम् ।

त्वत्कीडागमकारणोचितमतेत्यक्तः श्रियः संगमो यद्यप्यपि विधे न तुल्यसि तदा तत्रापि सजा बबन् ॥

'Thou Fate, thanks to thy favour, this heart hath endured the intense fire of all that suffering (in previous lives). Thou hast even been gratified a little by our plunging into the ocean of worldly existence. Prosperity, apt to be the cause of thy sports, hath been discarded by us. If thou art not pleased even now, ready we are for suffering evermore.' (1. 132). The ascetic boy likewise says to his companion at the sight of the terrible goddess and the king and the crowd in her temple :

विशुद्धबोधं तप एव रक्षा प्राप्तेष्वरण्येषु च संयतानाम् ।

मतः कृतान्तेऽपि समीपवृत्तौ मातर्मनो मा क्व कृया निरीक्षम् ॥

जीवत्य सद्दर्शनरत्नभाजश्चारिष्युक्तस्य समाहितस्य ।

आर्क्षसितो सुसुखप्रयातः परं प्रमोदस्य समागमाय ॥

'Austerities, based on pure knowledge, are the sole protection for those who have self-control, whether in human habitations or in the woods. Hence, o mother, never feel helpless even when Death is near. Death, ever expected, when it comes, causes only delight to the man who

1 Glover: *Life and Letters in the fourth century*, p. 376.

2 *Yasastilaka* 1. 151.

3 According to the *Mūlasarvāstivādaśāstrikāraṃ*, they are (1) not returning slander for slander; (2) not returning anger for anger; (3) not meeting insult with insult; (4) not returning blow for blow. See I-Tsing: *A Record of the Buddhist Religion*, translated by Takakusu, p. 56 (f. n. 2.).

possesses the Jewel of Right Faith, and is endowed with Right Conduct, and devoted to holy meditation.' (1. 139-40).

Without disparaging Somadeva's picture of the fortitude and equanimity of the young Jaina *munis*, we may here refer to the remarkable story of the young Buddhist novice Adhimutta in the *Theragāthā* (705 ff.), which depicts his dauntless courage and philosophic calm when he is seized by highwaymen as a suitable offering to their deity, apparently of the same type as the Caṇḍamārī figuring in our romance. Adhimutta declares, for example,

This body irketh me ; no seeker I  
To live. This mortal frame will broken be,  
And ne'er another from it be reborn.  
Your business with my body, come, that do  
E'en as ye will ; and not on that account  
Will hatred or affection rise in me.<sup>1</sup>

The attack on Vedic and Smārta rites involving animal sacrifices occurs chiefly in the controversial dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother, analysed elsewhere.<sup>2</sup> The Jaina condemnation of animal sacrifices is similar to that of the Buddhists, and reminds one of the attacks on Pagan sacrifices found in the writings of the Christian apologists of the second century such as Justin, Clement of Alexandria, Tertullian, and Tatian, and Arnobius (end of the third century) and others.<sup>3</sup> Arnobius, for example, says: "Lastly, what pleasure is it to take delight in the slaughter of harmless creatures,.....to see rivers of blood, the life fleeing away with the blood.....? Will any one believe that the gods, who are kind, beneficent and gentle, are delighted and filled with joy by the slaughter of cattle, if ever they fall and expire pitiably before their altars?"<sup>4</sup> Similar sentiments are found in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV and other anti-Brahmanical writings.<sup>5</sup> Arnobius goes on to say: ".....is that foul smell, then, which is given forth and emitted by burning hides, by bones, by bristles,.....(is that) a favour and an honour to the deity?" This sounds like Somadeva's line (Book IV, p. 109):

सुधान्वसः सर्गसुखोचितान्नः कादन्ति किं बह्निर्गन्धं निहिम्याः ।

1 *Psalm of the Early Buddhists II*. Trans. by Mrs. Rhys Davids, p. 293.

2 See Chap. XII.

3 Details in Lietzmann: *Christliche Literatur*; Croiset: *Histoire de la Littérature Grecque*, Vol. V, p. 727 ff.; Schanz: *Geschichte der Römischen Literatur*, Vol. III, p. 245 ff.) 3rd ed.); and Patey: *Histoire de la Littérature Grecque Chrétienne*.

4 *The Seven Books of Arnobius Adversus Gentes* VII. 4 (*Antiochene Library*).

5 See Chapters XII and XIII.

Similarly, the sarcastic verse, attributed in our work to an ox addressing a priest about to sacrifice him, in the story related by Yasodhara in the dialogue with his mother,<sup>1</sup> has its counterpart in Arnobius VII. 9 in the elaborate speech imagined to be addressed to Jupiter by an ox on the iniquity of sacrificing him to appease the fury of the gods. But the Jaina view of *ahimsā* is far more comprehensive than the Christian objection to animal sacrifices, involving as it does complete abstinence from all kinds of flesh food. Arnobius, in fact, deeply regrets the necessity that compels men to kill animals for food, and we have what we may call his confession on the subject: "We half-savage men, nay rather....., we savages, whom unhappy necessity and bad habit have trained to take these as food, are sometimes moved with pity for them.....".<sup>2</sup>

The condemnation of animal food and blood-shedding sacrifices is an important adjunct of the Jaina doctrine of *ahimsā*, and Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* contains many interesting data on this aspect of Jainism. Buddhism was equally opposed to sacrifices, but the Jaina prohibition of animal food is far stricter than that of the Buddhists; and Somadeva, in fact, severely criticizes the latter for eating flesh<sup>3</sup>, and similar criticism occurs also in the Tamil Jaina poem *Neelakesi*.<sup>4</sup> It is noteworthy that it is in certain early Greek<sup>5</sup> and Jewish and Jewish-Christian<sup>6</sup> sects

1 Quoted in Chap. XII.

2 Arnobius (op. cit.) VII. 4.

3 See Chap. XIII.

4 *Jaina Antiquary*, Vol. VII, p. 3.

5 The early Pythagoreans do not seem to have been strict in abstinence from animal flesh. It is said that Pythagoras himself did not abstain from animal flesh in general, but only from that of the ploughing ox and the ram, although he is said to have refused to sacrifice on any but the oldest altar, that of Apollo the Father, where only bloodless sacrifices were allowed. It was the later Pythagoreans (fourth century B. C.), called also Akousmatics, who practised vegetarianism and complete abstinence from meat, fish, wine etc., and did not participate in the usual sacrifices. Diogenes Laertius, Book VIII; Burnet: *Early Greek Philosophy*, p. 93; Zeller: *Outlines of the History of Greek Philosophy*, p. 72. Still later, the Pythagorean rule of life embodying these principles was again preached by Apollonius of Tyana, as stated above. Empedocles of Akragas (fifth century B. C.), who as a religious teacher was guided by Pythagorean influence, also advocated abstinence from animal food and blood-offerings, which, as we have seen, were replaced by sacrificial cakes in animal form. Burnet (op. cit.), p. 250; Zeller, p. 58.

6 The Essenes were a pre-Christian Jewish sect of Syria and Palestine, and followed, according to the historian Josephus, the Pythagorean mode of life, a significant phrase. Moore: *Judaism*, Vol. I, p. 457. They were communists, and the initiate, before he was allowed to share the common meal, was required to take an oath, among other things, "never to injure anyone, either of his own accord or under compulsion". The Essenes included the Therapeutae, who were to be found in Egypt,

and schools that we find a close parallel to the Jaina prohibition of animal food and sacrifices; and special reference may be made in this connection to the Pythagorean rule of life preached by Apollonius of Tyana in the first century A. D., as recorded in the biography of the saint by Philostratus (VI. XI; VIII. VII etc.).

The dialogue between Yasodhara and his mother in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, is highly interesting from the standpoint of comparative religion. In the first place, the attack on the Brahmanical deities, found also elsewhere in the work as well as in other Jaina texts, is comparable to the attack on the pagan deities found even in a more systematic form in early Christian apologetic literature, e. g., in Clement's *Exhortation to the Greeks*, *The Seven Books of Arnobius Adversus Gentes* etc. In the second place, it is noteworthy that in the dialogue in question Yasodhara takes pains to prove the antiquity of Jainism in order to refute the charge that it is a modern creed, and cites in support of his thesis evidence that is not altogether convincing and reliable.<sup>1</sup> The anxiety of a minority faith to establish its ancient origin by all kinds of literary evidence at its disposal for the purpose of enhancing its prestige is inevitable in its struggle for recognition, and instances of this are found also in the literature of Christianity in the early period of its conflict with the Pagan cults. For example, Tertullian, who admits that the Christian community is rather modern, points out that it rests on the very ancient books of the Jews, and asserts that Moses is earlier than Danaus, "Your most ancient of men", about a thousand years ahead of the Trojan

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and led the contemplative life of ascetics; their so-called feasts where no flesh was served 'were famous and formed a contrast to Greek revels.' *Encyclopedia Britannica*, sub voce, *fourteenth edition*. Next in importance for our purpose is the Jewish-Christian sect of the Ebionites (second century), or, strictly speaking, that section of the Ebionites who derived their tenets from contact with the Essenes and the Gnostics, and professed what is known as Essene or Gnostic Ebionism. These Ebionites denied the divinity of Jesus, and their discipline included abstinence from flesh and prohibition of blood-shedding sacrifices: the Pentateuch, specially where it requires sacrifice and the use of flesh, was to be rejected. Gnosticism has been described as a system of heathenish thought, adopting some Jewish and some Christian elements; and we are here concerned with the Syrian school whose inspiration was Oriental, and practice ascetic. Saturnilus, or Saturninus, of Antioch and Tatian of Mesopotamia belong to the Syrian school (second century A. D.). Both of them condemned marriage and animal food, while the asceticism of Tatian was so thorough that his followers were called Enkratites, or professors of an abstinence that was really total. Kidd: *A History of the Church*, vol. I, chapters IV and VIII. On the Essenes cf. Headlam: *The Life and teaching of Jesus the Christ*, pp. 110, 137, 162, fourth edition, 1940; Peters: *The Religion of the Hebrews*, p. 423.

1 See Chap. XIII.



war, and fifteen hundred years before Homer. As regards proofs, the task of setting them out in detail is "not difficult so much as endless, not an arduous task, but for the moment too long".<sup>1</sup> To the same category of presumptions belong Pontius Pilate's alleged report to Tiberius on the story of the resurrection of Christ<sup>2</sup>, and spurious documents such as the letter of Marcus Aurelius to the Senate on the miraculous effect of the prayers of his Christian soldiers on the great drought in Germany, Abgar's letter to Christ and his reply thereto etc.<sup>3</sup> So far as Somadeva is concerned, he cannot indeed be accused of forgery, but only of misjudging the chronological value of some of the authorities cited by him.

It will also be seen that, in Yasodhara's dialogue with his mother Candramati, he makes a serious attempt to refute the charges levelled against Jainism by her; and elsewhere in the work Somadeva justifies certain typical beliefs and practices of the Jaina faith.<sup>4</sup> It is, as a matter of fact, one of the objects of *Yasastilaka* to remove misconceptions and prejudices concerning the religion of the Arhat, and establish its legitimate place among the recognised schools and systems of the land. In this respect also Somadeva's work reminds one of the literary efforts of the early Christian apologists, and we may besides refer in this connection to a work like *Against Apion* of the Jewish historian Josephus (first century A. D.), who sets out not only to demonstrate the great antiquity of the Jewish people and explain and eulogize their law but to rebut certain calumnies of the Greek writers on the subject.<sup>5</sup> The occasional similarities between Jaina and Christian polemical literature are not surprising, and may be attributed to a like cause, the religious conflicts of the Graeco-Roman world and of Ancient and Medieval India.<sup>6</sup> Apologetic literature is, however, apt to lose part of its interest after the storm and stress of controversy is over, and what has been said of the work of Josephus may also be applied to Somadeva's apology for Jainism in his romance. No one today doubts the antiquity of Jainism or considers the Digambaras

1 *Apology*, Ch. XIX, Trans. by Glover.

2 *Ibid.* Ch. XXI.

3 Eusebius: *Ecclesiastical History* I. XIII.

4 See Chaps. X and XIII.

5 Croiset (op. cit.), p. 443.

6 Candramati's strictures on the Digambaras for their part in the conversion of Yasodhara to Jainism reflect the feelings of a pious Hindu and indicate the spirit of the times. We are reminded of the attack of Celsus (second century) on converts from Judaism to Christianity, the main charge being that they have erred 'in consequence of their minds being led captive by Jesus; that they have been most ridiculously deceived' etc. Kid: *A History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 413. For similarity of language see Candramati's remarks cited in Chap. XII.

to be unworthy people, but the defence of Jainism in the dialogue in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, although a record of past prejudices, is important as reflecting contemporary conditions, and preserving for us a number of citations from works no longer extant and certain important references to little known authors.

The controversial dialogue is indeed a conspicuous feature of *Yasastilaka* as a religious romance. In addition to the dialogue between Yasodhara and his mother in Book IV, the episode of Capḍakarman in Book V contains a dialogue in which a follower of the Sāṃkhya system, a Mīmāṃsaka, a Cārvāka, a Śaiva and a Buddhist expound their respective tenets before the Jaina teacher Sudatta, who makes a summary reply, reserving for special attack the doctrines of the Śaivas.<sup>1</sup> Very unlike is the dialogue between Yasodhara and his mother, which is a lively debate on questions at issue between Jainism and the Brahmanical religion. It is an interesting fact that, whenever there is a conflict of religions, the controversial dialogue or religious debate tends to appear in contemporary literature. In Jaina literature itself there are examples which might have served as models for later writers like Somadeva. For instance, in the *Sūtrakṛtāṅga Sūtra* II. 6 there is an important dialogue, in which Ārdraka, a follower of Mahāvira, is the chief speaker, and refutes the views of the representatives of various schools: Gośāla, a Buddhist, a Vedāntin, a Vedic priest, and a Hastitāpasa.<sup>2</sup> Turning to Western literature, we may refer to such examples as the famous *Octavius* of Minucius Felix (circa 180 A. D.), which records a debate in Latin between two friends on the relative merits of Pagan and Christian beliefs; Justin's *Dialogue with the Jew Trypho* (2nd century) in Greek; and Aristo's lost *Dialogue between the Christian Jason and the Jew Papisous*, also in Greek,<sup>3</sup> and composed about the same time. Amicable debates between exponents of Christianity and Islam are known to have been encouraged by certain Califs and Byzantine Emperors;<sup>4</sup> while the Emperor Manuel Palaeologus (1391-1425 A. D.) wrote a large number of polemical dialogues directed against Islam.<sup>5</sup> More interesting from our point of view is the debate on the validity and merits of Pagan beliefs and the Christian religion occurring in St. John Damascene's *Barlaam and Ioasaph*, a Greek religious novel of about the eighth century

1 See Chap. VIII.

2 Jacobi: *Jaina Sūtras*, Part II, p. 409 ff.

3 Croiset (op. cit.), p. 736 ff. cf. Glover: *Conflict of Religions in the early Roman Empire*, p. 176.

4 Runciman: *Byzantine Civilisation*, p. 131.

5 Montelatici: *Litteratura Bizantina*, p. 250.

A. D.<sup>1</sup> The discussion here is not in the form of a dialogue, but we have the speech of Nachor against the Pagan deities and in praise of the Christians; and the contest, as recorded in the work, provides, on the whole, a good example of a religious debate incorporated in a prose romance (Chap. XXVI ff.). Authorities are not cited as in *Yasastilaka*, but the speech of Nachor itself is nothing but the *Apology* of Aristides, a philosopher of Athens of the second century A. D., 'fitted, with some deftness into its new context.' In the Jaina romance mother and son disagree on religious issues, while in the Greek story the disagreement is between father and son; but while in *Yasastilaka* the disputants themselves carry on the debate, in *Barlaam and Ioasaph* orators are employed by both parties to plead their cause. Religion plays an important part in another medieval Greek romance of the tenth century, the Byzantine poem of *Digenis Akritas*, wherein Emir Mousour, a Muhammadan convert to Christianity, soon after his baptism enters into a discussion with his mother to make her renounce the religion of Islam, and argues like a veritable theologian.<sup>2</sup> Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* is likewise a religious romance composed in an age of conflict, and as such shares some of the characteristics of works written at similar epochs.

The stories of rebirth in Book V are a typically Jaina feature, and similar stories are found in earlier romances like *Vasudevahindī*, *Samarāṇīcākahā* etc.; they are not without interest from the standpoint of comparative literature.<sup>3</sup> The sequence of Karma and rebirth, which

1 Text and Trans. in *Loeb Classical Library*.

2 Diehl: *Figures Byzantines*, Vol. II, p. 312.

3 As is well-known, Pythagoras and Empedocles taught the doctrine of Rebirth or transmigration, which the former may have learnt from the contemporary Orphics. For possible Indian influence on Pythagoras see Gomperz: *Greek Thinkers*, vol. I, p. 127. Empedocles says that he has not only been a human being, a boy and a maid, and a plant, but even a fish. Diogenes Laertius, VIII. 77. The Greek writer Lucian of Samosata (second century A. D.), in his pleasant satire *The Dream, or The Cock*, describes the bird as declaring to his master Micellus the cobbler that, before being a cock, he was first Euphorbus who fought at Troy, then Pythagoras, then the courtesan Aspasia, then the Cynic Crates; after that, a king, then a poor man, and soon a satrap; then a horse, a jackdaw, a frog, and a thousand things besides: the cobbler admits that he can no longer call himself the master of such a bird. Traces of belief in metempsychosis are found in old Irish sagas (seventh century A. D. and earlier). For example, Tuan, son of Cairell, had been successively a man, a stag, a boar, a falcon, a salmon, and then again a man. Dottin: *L'Épopée Irlandaise*, p. 9. The peculiarity of the Jaina stories is that each successive birth of an individual is narrated in detail so as to form a regular sequence designed to illustrate the vicissitudes brought about by the law of Karma. The period of development of these stories may be taken to be the same as

these stories illustrate, is also emphasized elsewhere in the romance, being represented as the *raison d'être* of Dharma and the antidote against materialism.

सत्यं न धर्मः कियते यदि स्वाद् गर्भावसानान्तर एव जीवः ।

न चैवम् ।

जातिस्मरणामय रक्षसां च दृष्टिः परं किं न समस्ति लोके ॥

स्वयं कृतं जन्तुषु कर्म नो चेत् समः समस्तः खलु किं न लोकः ।

भूतात्मकं चित्तमिदं च मिथ्या स्वरूपभेदात् पवनावनीव ॥

एवं चेदमपि संगच्छते—

यदुपचितमन्यजन्मनि शुभाशुभं तस्य कर्मणः प्राप्तिम् । श्वञ्जयति शास्त्रमेतत्तमसि द्रव्याणि दीप इव ॥

"Dharma need not, of course, be practised if the existence of the Self were limited to the period between birth and death. But that is not the case. Because, do we not see in the world people who can remember their past lives as well as those who become ghosts after death? If self-done Karma had no effect on sentient beings, would all creatures not be equal in status? It is also false to say that the mind is composed of matter, because mind and matter essentially differ, like earth and air. On these grounds the following statement turns out to be true. The science of astrology<sup>1</sup> reveals the consequences of good and bad Karma accumulated in another birth, just as a lamp reveals things in darkness." (Book IV, p. 32).

The romance of Yaśodhara has also a didactic purpose. It shows us the seamy side of a woman's character and warns against the grave consequences of conjugal infidelity. The idea that marriage entitles the husband to the body of a woman, 'sold by her parents in the presence of the gods, the Brāhmaṇas, and the Fire'<sup>2</sup> but not necessarily to her heart, occurs twice in our work, in Book IV, and in the story of Padmā in Book VII. We read in the latter context:

स्त्रीणां वपुर्वन्धुभिरभिसाक्षिकं परत्र विक्रीतमिदं न मानसम् ।

स एव तस्याधिपतिर्मेतः कृती विसम्भगर्मा ननु यत्र निर्हृतिः ॥

that of the Jaina Kathānaka literature. See Chap. XVI. It may be added that the doctrine of metempsychosis appears also in the system of the Elkasaites, a Jewish-Christian sect of the second century: 'for, though Christ was regarded as born in the ordinary way, His birth of Mary was held to be but one of many such experiences. He had been incarnate before and would be incarnate again.' Kidd (op. cit.), vol. I, p. 103. The literary history of metempsychosis is a subject which requires detailed treatment on comparative lines.

1 Śrutasaṅgāra says in his commentary that the verse is written at the beginning of horoscopes. The evidence of astrology is cited to prove the existence of Karma and rebirth.

2 See Chap. III.

‘The body of a woman and not her heart is sold to another by her relations with Fire for witness. But he alone is the lucky lord of her heart, in whom she verily finds joy and bliss born of confidence.’ (p. 363).

These ideas favourable to free love seem to have been current in Somadeva’s time, and it is his purpose in *Yasastilaka* to show that they cannot be put forward as an excuse for treachery much less for crime.

We have discussed elsewhere Somadeva’s attitude towards women, and as is to be expected in a thinker like him, it takes into account diverse aspects of female character (Chap. V). There are, however, certain attacks on women, for example, those in Book I, attributed to the sage Sudatta, which may fittingly occur in a religious romance, particularly in one dealing with a Jaina theme. Similar attacks are also found, for example, in the Buddhist biographical romance *Lalitavistara* (Chap. 15). Disgust for women is only a form of that detachment and indifference to worldly pleasures which it is the purpose of a Jaina *dharmakathā* to inculcate. This is the moral and religious background of Sudatta’s reflections on the decomposed body of a young woman in the cremation ground (l. 95–124), particular emphasis being laid on the contrast between the courtesan’s once admired beauty and the miserable condition of her corpse.<sup>1</sup> The musings of the Jaina monk belong to the same category as the Buddhist *aśubha-bhāvanā*, the meditation on impurity, on the horrors of bodily disease, decay and corruption. The dead body of a young woman is a familiar object for such contemplation, and an early example of this is found in a psalm attributed to the Thera Rājadatta in the *Theragāthā* (315 ff.), which describes the monk’s effort to meditate on the partially intact corpse of a courtesan slain and cast into the charnel-field.<sup>2</sup> It may also be noted that observation and contemplation of corpses in various stages of decomposition, and the realisation that one’s own body is of like nature, form part of the discipline envisaged by the introspective process of *satipaṭṭhāna*, described in the *Dighanikāya* XXII. 7 ff. and other Buddhist texts. Meditation of this type is known as *pratīyūha* or *pratīpakṣa-bhāvanā*, ‘meditation counteracting attachment to worldly objects’, in Brahmanical literature. Jayanta, discussing the subject in *Nyāyamañjarī* (Chap. 9), explains how

1 See Chap. VII

2 *Psalm of the Early Buddhists*, II. p. 189. Cf. *Majjhima-nikāya* XIII, *Mahā-dukkha-kkhandha Sutta*. Here the body of a young woman, lying dead in a charnel-field, and being devoured by animals and birds of prey, is described to illustrate the perils that attend visible forms and the satisfaction they give.

the Vivekin contemplates objects likely to produce *vairāgya*, and gives the same example of meditating on the body of a beautiful maiden mangled by birds of prey :

असौ तरकताराक्षी पीनोत्प्लवनसूनी ।  
 विडुष्यमाना काम्तारे विह्वलैश्च दृश्यते ॥  
 विभाति बहिरेवास्याः पद्मगन्धनिभं वपुः ।  
 अन्तर्मज्जास्थिविष्मूत्रमेदःक्रिमिकुलकुकम् ॥  
 स्वात्तानना विवृत्ताक्षी विवर्णा श्वासधुर्धुरा ।  
 कथमद्य न रागाद्य क्रियमाणा तपस्विनी ॥

Sudatta's verses on the corpse of the young woman in *Yasastilaka*, Book I, may be called a poetic elaboration of a similar idea, and constitute an eloquent sermon on the emptiness of life.<sup>1</sup>

An idea of the place occupied by religious topics in *Yasastilaka* may be had from the fact that, of its eight Books, the last three exclusively deal with Jaina doctrines; the comprehensive controversial dialogue between Yasodhara and his mother occurs in Book IV, and Sudatta's dialogue with Caṇḍakarman and his companions containing the criticism of Śaiva doctrines in Book V; while the cult of Caṇḍamāri and the Jaina reaction to it are delineated in Book I. Only Book II and the lengthy Book III may be said to be free from religious topics as such.

1 Scenes from the burning ground, 'the vultures and their mates in flocks' and 'the skulls of the dead', are used to illustrate the essential vileness of the human frame in the *Nālaḍiyār* (Chap. V), one of the early Tamil classics, and believed to be of Jaina origin. Pope's translation, p. 29. He remarks that there is no chapter corresponding to this in the *Kurral*, but the same spirit is recognised in the Tamil Jaina epic *Jivakacintāmaṇi* XIII. 162-201, 'very striking verses'. "Everything that can be said in disparagement of the 'body of humiliation' is heaped up there. This is a characteristic of Jaina works. In Śaiva books the standpoint is somewhat different." A foundation is laid in this and the preceding chapters for the doctrine of Renunciation, which is defined as 'the relinquishment of all attachment to worldly wealth without, and to the body within (the lusts of the flesh) in view of their impermanency.' pp. 30, 35.

## CHAPTER VII

### YASASTILAKA AS AN ANTHOLOGY OF SANSKRIT VERSE

The large number of verses interspersed in *Yasastilaka* makes it a veritable anthology of Kāvya poetry in the tenth century. There are groups of verses on diverse topics as well as individual slokas, which can be detached from the context without causing any appreciable break in the narrative, and form, so to speak, an independent body of verse valuable for the study of the poetry of the period. These verses, as a rule, are composed in a comparatively easy style more attractive than the intricate prose, in which Somadeva chose to recount his story.

#### I. COURT POETRY

A number of verse-groups forming part of the autobiographical record of Yaśodhara deals with aspects of medieval court life, with which the romance is so closely bound up, and often gives vivid pictures of scenes which Somadeva must have personally witnessed. The cultural value of these verses can hardly be overestimated, and the following specimens form a more or less consecutive series.

##### α) BIRTH OF YAŚODHARA

The festivities and the atmosphere of gaiety at the royal palace at Ujjayinī on the occasion of the birth of Yaśodhara are described in a dozen verses (2. 68–79).

नृत्यद्वन्द्वपुरन्ध्रिगेयसुमगाः खेलासहस्राननाः खेकद्वामनकामिनीप्रियसुवः सानन्दभात्रीकुकाः ।

विद्यापीठविदम्बमानजरतीसीमन्तकान्ताङ्गनास्तरोद्यावरवैः समं किञ्च वयुः शुदान्तमभ्यासदा ॥

At that hour the inner apartments, delightful with the songs of the old matrons dancing therein, rang with the festive notes of musical instruments, and the countenance of the attendants beamed with joy. The floor presented an amusing scene, dwarfish women indulging in sports. Groups of delighted nurses were about, and the forecourts were charming with the presence of old dames, their hair heavily laden with heaps of coloured powder (2. 68).

आनन्दवासरवपूरितद्विखालि पौराङ्गनाजनविनोदमनोहराणि ।

आयुष्केतुरचितोत्सवतोरणानि कामं तदा शुश्रुभिरे नगरे गृहानि ॥

At that time the mansions in the city brightly shone, with flags flying and decorative arches built for the occasion. Charming they were with



the pleasantry of the women of the city, and filled the quarters with the gay notes of music (2. 75).

आलस्यलप्रतिमपुत्रवतां धुरीणः कीलोचनोत्पलविकासरसप्रवीणः ।

त्रैलोक्यपावनयज्ञाःकिरणोदयेन त्वं नन्दतात्तनयजन्ममहोत्सवेन ॥

धर्मः पल्लवितः शिवः कुसुमिताः कामः फलैः श्लाघ्यते वंशसे क्षितिनाथ संप्रति परां छायां भितः कामपि ।

भूदेवी सकृत्तार्थतामुपगता मूलान्वयानां पुनश्चित्ते माति न देव सान्द्रितरसस्वरपुत्रजन्मोत्सवः ॥

सानन्दं बन्दिषुन्दैः कचिदवनिपतिः स्तूयते प्रार्थितार्थैर्बन्धूनां तुष्टिदानैः कचिदतनुमुदः सौविदलास्वरन्ते ।

आकल्पं भर्तृकक्ष्मीमियमनुभवतात् पुत्रपौत्रैश्च सार्धं देवीत्येवं पुरोधाः कचिदपि च पठत्याशिषः कामितम्भीः ॥

स्वर्गः कल्पद्रुमैर्भूः कुलधरणिधैरैर्गौरवान्ना पयोविधौः पूष्णा भोगिलोको मुजगपरिदृष्टेनाकरश्मेव रक्षैः ।

देवस्तावन्निराय प्रचितपृथुवशाः कीर्तिपृथ्वी तयेयं देवी च स्नात् प्रमोदावहृदिवसवती पुत्रजन्मोत्सवेन ॥

At one place the bards, asking for various gifts, praised the king (Yasorgha) in joy: "Thou art chief among those who possess sons like Indra. Thou dost delight in the amorous play of women's lotus eyes. Mayst thou rejoice in the birth of thy son, a mighty festival, the source of a world-purifying halo of fame! The tree of virtue has put forth leaves, riches have blossomed forth, and desire is crowned with success. Thy dynasty, o king, now attains a radiant glory beyond all words. The divine Earth has her crowning desire fulfilled. And, sire, the joy of thy ministers occasioned by the birth of thy child, knows no bounds, for it has deepened the affection of their hearts." At one place the chamberlains were hurrying to and fro, overjoyed at the gifts presented by their friends. Elsewhere the family priest, desiring wealth, recited blessings: "May the queen share for years the prosperity of her consort in company with her sons and grandsons! Just as heaven is delighted with the Kalpa trees, the ocean with the moon, and the nether regions with the lord of the serpents; similarly, may the king, with his fame spreading far and wide, long enjoy days of happiness on account of the joyous birth of this child! May the queen, too, be likewise happy, great in her renown; just as the earth is happy with the great mountain-ranges, the sky with the sun, and the bosom of the earth with its jewels!" (2. 76-79).

#### b) WEDDING AND CORONATION OF YASODHARA

The wedding and coronation of Yasodhara give occasion to a series of verses recited by the court poets. A bard named Jalakelivilāsa announces the preliminary ceremonial bath (2. 202-13):

यज्ञाभूदसुनातपः सुरकरी कल्पद्रुमः कौस्तुभो लक्ष्मीरप्सरसां गणश्च सुचया सार्धं बुधानां मुदे ।

यज्ञयो बुधनोपकारिचरितैरासेभ्यमानं वनैस्त्राह्मणकरवारी मज्जनविधौ भूयात्तव श्रेयसे ॥

यज्ञाकलोकमुनिमानसकस्मयाणां कार्यं करोति सकृदेव कृपाभिषेकम् ।

प्राणैर्यसैकशिराभमतापसानां लेभ्यं च यत्तव तदन्तु मुदेऽस्तु गात्रम् ॥

"In the ceremony of thy bath, may the waters of the ocean bring good to thee, the waters whence emerged the moon and the Airāvata elephant and the Kalpa tree and the Kaustubha gem and the goddess of wealth, and the nymphs along with nectar for the pleasure of the gods! The clouds, benefactors of the world, frequent those waters again and again (2. 210). May the waters of the Ganges bring thee joy! Even a single dip in them destroys the mental impurities of the sages living in the celestial world. Those are the waters resorted to by the anchorites living in the hermitages on the Himalayan peaks." (2. 211).

यमुनागर्भद्वानोदाचन्द्रभागासरस्वती- । सरयूतिन्मुखोन्मैर्जकेर्देवोऽनिविष्टताम् ॥

"Let the king be bathed with the water brought from the Yamunā, the Narmadā, the Godāvarī, the Candrabhāgā, the Sarasvatī, the Śarayū, the Indus and the Śoṇa!" (2. 213).

The ceremonial bath is described in the following verse spoken by Yaśodhara:

उल्लोकाकङ्करीषिभिर्विचक्षितापाङ्गोत्पलकमेयिभिः प्रभुम्बलुचचक्रवाकमिषुमेर्वाकोकनाभीहृदैः ।

वारलीमिचहैः सदर्पमिनदं जालामिनेकोत्सवः कलं रत्नारितकाञ्चिदेसपुच्छिनेः सिन्दुप्रवाहैरेव ॥

'The gay ceremony of my bath was performed by beavies of court-esans resembling river-streams, to the sound of music. The curls of their hair waved like ripples; the corners of the eyes moved like blue lotus beds; the bosoms heaved like pairs of red geese; the navels were agitated like pools of water; and the hips expanded freely like a river's sandy bank.' (2. 214).

The sacred bath is followed by the nuptial rites, and a bard named Manojakunjara addresses felicitations to Yaśodhara and his bride Amṛtamati (2. 215-220). There is almost an ironic touch in these verses in view of the tragic sequel to the marriage, which at the moment augured so well for the future.

कङ्करीरिषं स्वमपि नाचन एव साक्षादेवा कथी सुरपतिस्त्वमपि प्रतीतः ।

आसास्यसे तदिह किं भवतोदिदानीं प्रीतिः परं रस्मिमनोमवधोरिवास्तु ॥

एषा हिमाद्रुममिमिमितदेहचक्षिस्त्वं चन्द्रपूर्वरचिताचचन साक्षात् ।

एवं न चेत् कथमिदं तव संगमेन प्रसङ्गमिदमका सुतनुमकाक्षि ॥

"She is the goddess of wealth and thou art Viṣṇu himself; she is Śacī and thou art the illustrious Indra. What blessings can now be given to you twain? Yet may mutual love be yours like that of Cupid and Rati! Her frame is verily made of moonstones, and thy limbs seem to be composed of particles of moonbeams. Otherwise how is it that the fair maiden shines in thy company, perspiring all over the body." (2. 215-216)<sup>1</sup>.

1 Moonstones are supposed to emit moisture when exposed to the light of the moon.

The bard then adopts an impersonal tone and describes the deportment of a newly married bride, an erotic picture often met with in Kāvya literature.

उक्ता वक्ति न किंचिदुत्तरमिदं नालोकितालोकते नय्यावां विहितागमा च विवशश्चासोदवर्णं वेपथे ।  
नर्माकापविधौ सकोपहृदया गन्तुं पुनर्वाञ्छति प्रीतिं कस्य तथापि नो वितनुते बाळा नवे संगमे ॥  
किंचित् केकरवीक्षितं किमपि च भ्रमङ्गलीकायितं किंचिन्मन्मनभाषितं किमपि च श्लेषामिकावेहितम् ।  
इत्थं युग्धतया बहिर्विलसितं वध्वा नवे संगमे विसस्येन मनोभुवा बलवता नीवीललत्वं कृतम् ॥

"When spoken to, she never replies; when looked at, she never glances. Coming to the bed, she trembles heavily, being out of breath. Offended by jesting, she desires to depart. Yet who is not charmed by a maiden in the first union with her? A slight side-glance, a gentle play of the eyebrows, a few indistinct words, and a faint desire and effort to embrace. Such is the deportment born of simplicity, manifested by a bride in her first union with her lover; while the powerful Cupid, abiding in her heart, plays the villain with the knot of her skirt!" (2. 218-219).

Then follow the coronation verses recited by the bards while the prince accepts the emblems of sovereignty:

अपहसितपुष्पदन्तं कुवलयकमलावबोधनादेव । अक्षरितसकलमहीधरमाभाति तवातपत्रमिदमेकम् ॥

"Sire, here shines the unique parasol. It hath brought under its shade all kings, and surpasses in grandeur the sun and the moon, for it illumines the earth and calls into activity the goddess of wealth."<sup>1</sup> (2. 222).

द्विचक्षिपमदम्बंसाभूयतां शिरसि स्थितः । आरोहतां क्षितीयानां सिंहः सिंहासनं नृपः ॥

"Let the prince ascend the throne. A lion among kings, he is above all rulers of the earth, having destroyed the pride of his enemies, elephants as it were." (2. 223).

मृगमदतिलकेऽभिधर्षचन्द्रावदाते जलनिधिरसनोर्वीमाज्जनैश्चर्ययै ।

जनितसकललोकानल्पकल्पप्रमोदः क्षितिर्मण ललाटे पट्टबन्धस्तवास्तु ॥<sup>2</sup>

1 *Kuvalaya* 'the earth' means also 'night lotus' which cannot be opened by the sun; and *Kamalā* 'the goddess of wealth' has to be construed also as *Kamala* 'day lotus' which cannot be opened by the moon.

2 Helen Johnson points out in *ABORI*, Vol. XXVII, p. 187, that there is a reference to *paṭṭabandha* in Hemacandra's *Triṣaṭṭisālākāpurāṣacarita* 10. 11. In an account of the feud between Pradyota of Avanti and Udayana of Vitabhaya he describes the capture of Pradyota by Udayana who branded Pradyota's forehead with an insulting term. Subsequently they were reconciled and "Udayana made a *paṭṭabandha* which concealed the brand on Pradyota's forehead. From that time a *paṭṭabandha* indicated the majesty of kings. Formerly they wore a *kirita* and nothing else as a head-ornament." Hemacandra thus meant by *paṭṭabandha* a 'fillet', 'diadem', worn around the forehead in contrast with a head-dress worn higher on the head.

"Sire, let the diadem be placed round thy forehead, causing delight to all the world for countless ages. Adorned with an ornamental mark of musk-paint, thy brow is bright as the half-moon, shining with the glory of sovereignty over the sea-girt earth!" (2. 224). सप्तम तवायम्

कङ्कणीविनोदकुमुदाकरचन्द्रहासः संग्रामकेलिनलिनीवनसूर्यहासः ।

विद्विष्टदैत्यमदमान्धहरादहासः कीर्तिनिवाहिमुग्धनोदयमोदहासः ॥

"And, this thy sword is verily the light of the moon, causing the bloom of the night lotus-bed, to wit, the joyous advent of prosperity. It is verily the light of the sun, causing the bloom of the day lotus-bed, to wit, the sport of war. It is verily the loud laugh of Śiva, reducing the pride of the demons, namely, thy enemies. It is verily the smile of Lady Fame, caused by the joy of her prosperous career through the world." (2. 226).

After the coronation, Yaśodhara is greeted by the elders of the family who recite a number of *punyaslokas* or verses conveying good wishes and blessings (2. 229-235):

वावहयोरवलिः कुलावलिदृतः शेषः पयोराशयः सूर्यः शीतरुचिर्दिशः सुरपतिर्ब्रह्मा च सर्गैः सह ।

एतेषां द्विगुणीकृतोदयजयस्तत्त्वाम्यभाजात्मना तावत्त्वं क्षितिपाक पाकव महीं जातोत्सवः कामितैः ॥

"Rule thou the earth, o king, rejoicing in the fulfilment of thy desires as long as exist heaven and earth, the great mountain ranges, the serpent Ananta, the oceans, the sun and the moon, the regions of the sky, Indra and Brahman, and the created worlds : with a soul as exalted as any of these, but crowned with a glory twice as great as theirs!"

महाबाहवजैत्रमञ्जुमगात्सूर्णं कुरु व्याहृतीर्द्वाग्निन्द्र ग्रहिणु द्विषां विजितये दिव्यास्ततस्तं रथम् ।

दिङ्मपाकाः पुनरेत सत्वरममी देवस्य सेवाविधावित्थं पार्थिवनाथ कथनपरः शङ्खध्वनिर्जुम्भताम् ॥

"King of kings, let the sound of conch proclaim this message: Recite quickly, o Brahman, Vedic verses charming with mystic formulas ensuring victory in battles! Send forthwith, o Indra, a chariot equipped with divine arms for vanquishing all foes! Come swiftly, ye guardians of the regions of the sky, to serve our king!" (2. 234).

The coronation over, Yaśodhara and his bride leave the river side pavilion and return to the city on the back of an elephant. Yaśodhara briefly recounts what he said to himself at the sight of the gaily decorated city (2. 236-239).

सौभाग्यभागेषु पुराङ्गनानां नीलोत्पलस्पर्धिभिरीक्षणैर्मै ।

जानन्दभावादिद्यमम्बरश्रीः पुष्पोपहाराय कृतादरेव ॥

"The goddess embodying the beauty of yonder sky seems to be eager to shower flowers on me in her joy, using for the purpose the eyes,

resembling blue lotus blossoms, of the women of the city, standing on the front terraces of the mansions.' (2. 237).

On arrival at the royal palace Yaśodhara is welcomed by a bard named Kirtisāhara.

लक्ष्मीं विभ्रद् स्वर्जौघैः कचिदलिलवलोहोलवीचेर्पुनद्या-  
भ्यावां पुष्पत् सुमेरोः कचिदल्लतैः स्वर्णकुम्भांशुजातैः ।  
कान्तिं कुर्वत् सुधाब्धेः कचिदतिसितिमयोतिभिर्भित्तिभागेः  
शोभां क्षिप्यद्विमात्रेः कचिदिव गगनाभोगभागिभश्च कूटैः ॥

खील्येकाकमलं तवावलिपते साम्राज्यचिह्नं महत् कीर्त्युत्पत्तिनिकेतनं क्षितिवधूविभ्रामधाम स्वयम् ।

लक्ष्मीविभ्रमदर्पणं कुलगृहं राज्याधिदेव्याः पुनः कीडास्थानमिदं विभाति भवनं वाग्देवताया इव ॥

"Thy palace, o king, sometimes looks beautiful as the Ganges with its wind-tossed ripples on account of the rows of flags flying over the top. Sometimes it looks beautiful as the mountain of the gods by virtue of the crimson lustre of its golden cupolas. Sometimes it reproduces the beauty of the ocean of nectar with its glistening white walls. Sometimes it resembles the Himālayas with its sky-touching domes. A mighty emblem of thy sovereignty, this palace is verily the toy-lotus of the goddess of wealth! It is the birth-place of Fame, and Dame Earth's own resting-place! It is the luxury mirror of the goddess of wealth, and the family mansion of the presiding goddess of the realm! It appears to be the play-ground of the goddess of learning!" (2. 242-243).

#### c) MORNING SONGS

Verses recited by bards in the morning to awaken the king form an important component of court poetry, and in our work there are two sets of verses recited by the *prabodha-maṅgala-pāthakas* and the *saukhasāyanikas* respectively to arouse Yaśodhara from sleep (3. 3-13, 14-22). The bright morning scenery is the theme of these verses, and there is also a personal touch in them, containing as they do occasional references to the king and his court.

#### d) A DISCUSSION AT THE COURT

An interesting discussion takes place at the court of Yaśodhara on the relative merits of fate and personal endeavour as governing principles of human conduct, followed by a diversion on topics relating to state-craft. Pronouncements on the respective claims of *daiva* and *puruṣakāra* are as old as the Mahābhārata, but they assume here the character of a formal debate designed to give the king practical hints in shaping his policy.

The discussion is opened by a minister named Vidyāmahodadhi, who, after stressing the importance of maintaining the secrecy of

deliberations in the council-chamber, proclaims the supremacy of fate<sup>1</sup>, and recommends the policy of least resistance, free from warlike adventures, and aimed at the peaceful enjoyment of the fruits of prosperity and the cultivation of justice and virtue. The minister argues that man toils and suffers for nothing: what is written on the forehead will come about even if he remains inactive. Indra is the lord of heaven and the serpent Ananta the mainstay of the earth, not because of any personal exertion on their part, but because they are fated to be so:

यद्यमेव परं कोकः क्षिप्राल्पमानमात्मना । यदत्र लिखितं भाते तत् स्थितस्यापि जायते ॥

मघोनक्षिद्विषैर्बर्णे शेषस्योद्धरणे भुवः । को नाम पौल्वारम्भस्तदत्र कारणं विधिः ॥ 3. 37-8.

As for warlike ventures, the very name of enemies is unpleasant, and their sight, too, hateful like that of serpents:

वार्तेवापि हि शत्रूणां प्रक्षुभ्यति मनोऽम्बुधिः । कलान् दृष्टिष्वे कुर्वाणः कुम्भीनलालिभ ॥ 3. 40.

Fortifications and wise counsel are futile when fate decrees otherwise:

दुर्गं मन्दरकन्दराणि परिधिक्षे गोत्रघात्रीधराः क्षेत्रं सप्त पयोधवः स्वविधवः स्वर्गः सुराः सैनिकाः ।

मन्त्री चाल्य गुरुस्थायान्वयमगात् प्रावः परेषां वशं देवादेवपतिसद्वत् नृप किं तन्नेन मन्त्रेण वा ॥

The Mandara caves are Indra's forts. The great mountain-ranges are his ramparts. The seven oceans are his moat. Heaven is his realm, the gods are his soldiers, and Brhaspati his minister. Yet, by the decree of fate, he was oftentimes subjugated by his foes. Sire, of what avail is then army or counsel on earth? (3. 41).<sup>2</sup>

The king should, therefore, enjoy his great fortune in peace without forgetting the claims of virtue. The speaker concludes by saying:

वनं धर्मविलोपेन परभोगाय भूपतेः । पापं स्वात्मनि जायेत हरेर्हिपचधादिभ ॥

The wealth earned by a king by violating the right is enjoyed by others; he acquires only the sin for himself: just as a lion acquires sin by killing an elephant, while the other beasts feed on the flesh (3. 44).

The views of Vidyamahodadhi are attacked by another minister described as a materialist, who regards personal endeavour as the sole guarantee of success. As a follower of Cārvāka doctrines, he cannot, of course, accept any unseen agency like fate, but his views in this respect do not materially differ from those of the *Yogavāsistha*, which, too, glorifies personal effort and denies the existence of fate,<sup>3</sup> although a Cārvāka would not certainly accept its theory that the so-called fate of popular imagination

1 The *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* 2. 1. 12 describes a heretical school which regards Fate as the cause of everything. See also Jacobi: *Jaina Sūtras* II (S. B. E.), p. 35.

2 Very similar verses occur in Guṇabhadra's *Ātmānūśāsana* and Bhartṛhari's *Nīṣīṭataha*.

3 *Mumukṣuprakaraṇa*, chas. 6-9.

is nothing more than the sumtotal of the actions and desires of previous births.<sup>1</sup>

Arguing that all actions depend upon effort and not on passivity, the speaker goes on to show the futility of depending upon fate. Fate, for instance, is powerless to feed even a man who has food before him, but whose hands are tied. He who relies upon fate is bound to lose even the wealth he has acquired: fate never guards a traveller who carries with him a bundle of jewels, but falls asleep on the way.

नरस्य बद्धहस्तस्य पुरो भक्तेऽपि यत् । अशक्तं मुखनिक्षेपे तदैवं कः समाश्रयेत् ॥ 3. 47.

दैवावलम्बनवतः पुरुषस्य हस्तादासादितान्यपि धनानि भवन्ति दूरे ।

आनीय रत्ननिधयं पथि जातनिद्रे जागर्ति तत्र पथिके हि न जातु देवम् ॥ 3. 49.

The minister then applies his theory to the policy to be followed by the king:

विहाय पौरुषं यो हि दैवमेवावलम्बते । प्रासादसिंहवत्तस्य मूर्ध्नि तिष्ठन्ति बावसाः ॥

Crows perch on the head of one who abandons effort and depends upon fate, just as they do on the head of a sculptured lion in a palace (3. 50).

तेजोहीने महीपाले स्थाः परे च विकुर्वते । निःशङ्कं हि न को धत्ते पदं भक्ष्यमनृष्यमि ॥

When a king is devoid of vigour, both friend and foe prove disloyal. Who does not fearlessly tread on ashes that are cold?<sup>2</sup> (3. 51).

अहंकारविहीनस्य किं विवेकेन मूमुजः । नरे कातरचित्ते हि कः स्यादस्त्रपरिमहः ॥

Intellect is of no use to a king who lacks in pride. A coward has no use for arms (3. 52).

हर्षोऽमर्षश्च नो यस्य धनाय निधनाय च । को विरोधो भवेद्भ्रातृस्य चित्रगतस्य च ॥

What difference is there between a living king and a painted one, when his favour brings not riches nor his wrath destruction? (3. 53).

येषां बाहुबलं नास्ति तेषां नास्ति मनोबलम् । तेषां चन्द्रबलं देव किं कुर्यादम्बरस्वितम् ॥

What, o king, can the power of the moon in the sky<sup>3</sup> do for those who have no strength in their arms nor any strength of mind? (3. 54).

The speaker, therefore, appeals to the king to exert his valour and triumph over his enemies. He urges valiant action and a resolute attempt to expand the existing prosperity, and concludes by saying:

लब्धाप्यनन्यसामान्यसाहसं नायकं विना । लङ्घनीर्न निर्मेराक्षेषा प्रमदेव जरत्यतौ ॥

Just as a woman does not closely embrace her decrepit husband, similarly

1 Cf. *Matsyapurāṇa* 221. 2: स्वमेव कर्म देवाख्यं देहान्तराश्रितम्. The Jain *Amitagati* also identifies fate with the Karma of previous births, representing it as an all-powerful agency which none can escape. *Subhāṣitaratnasamudra*, verses 343-374.

2 Cf. *Bhāravi* 2. 20.

3 i. e. planetary influence.



the goddess of wealth, though possessed by someone, does not closely adhere to him unless he is a hero of uncommon courage (3. 59).

The next speaker is a minister named Kavikulasekhara who tries to effect a compromise between the views of the two previous speakers. He recognises both fate and effort as determining factors in the life of man, although he gives greater importance to effort, and his point of view is the same as that developed in the Mahābhārata (Anuśāsanaparva, chap. 6), which likewise admits the existence of fate, but lays by far the greater emphasis on personal endeavour.<sup>1</sup>

Kavikulasekhara opines that when success comes without being deliberately aimed at, it is to be attributed to fate; in all other cases personal exertion must be held to be the determining cause. When a serpent comes in contact with a man in his sleep and he remains unhurt, his safety is to be attributed to fate, but when the reptile is seen and avoided, the determining factor is one's personal effort. Fate and personal effort often help each other, and their mutual relation is like that of medicine and the vitality of a patient (3. 61-63):

अपेक्षापूर्विका यत्र कार्यसिद्धिः प्रजायते । तत्र देवं नृपान् यत्र प्रधानं पौरुषं भवेत् ॥  
सुप्तस्य सर्पसंपर्के देवमायुषि कारणम् । दृष्टानुवृत्तिं सर्वे पौरुषं तत्र कारणम् ॥  
परस्परोपकारेण जीवितौषधयोरेव । देवपौरुषयोर्युतिः फलजन्मनि मन्यताम् ॥

Nevertheless the speaker recognises personal endeavour as the governing principle of human activity and dismisses fate as something outside the range of sense experience<sup>2</sup> (3. 64):

तथापि पौरुषावस्थाः सत्त्वानां सकलाः क्रियाः । अतस्तच्चिन्त्यमन्यत्र का चिन्तातीव्रिवात्मनि ॥

A youthful minister, Upāyasarvajña by name, protests against this theoretical discussion, declaring that the king's council-chamber is not a school nor is the time opportune for an academic controversy. He, therefore,

1 The *Matsyapurāṇa* (Chap. 221) admits a third factor, *kāla*, (देवं पुरुषकारश्च कालश्च पुरुषोत्तमः । त्रयमेतन्मनुष्यस्य विण्डितं स्यात् फलवद् ॥) but gives the palm to *puruṣakāra*. The *Sūtrakṛtāṅga* 1. 1. 2. 4 gives equal importance to fate and human exertion. See also Jacobi: *Jaina Sūtras*, II, p. 240. They are treated as mutually dependent in Haribhadra's *Vimśatīvivṛtiśikā*, section 5.

2 Cf. *Yogavāsiṣṭha*, op. cit., 7. 6. The discussion of the ministers reminds one of the tenets of the early Jewish sects about destiny and free will. The Essenes exempted nothing from the sway of destiny. The Sadducees denied destiny altogether. The Pharisees 'held the middle ground—some things, but not all, are the work of destiny; some are in man's own power to determine whether they shall come to pass or not.' Moore: *Judaism*, Vol. I, p. 457. The Sadducees supposed that 'all our actions are in our own power.' The Pharisees ascribed everything to fate, and yet allowed that to do right or wrong is within the power of each individual, although fate does co-operate in his action. Peters: *The Religion of the Hebrews*, p. 421.

calls attention to matters of political import, confining himself to questions of foreign policy, which can be narrowed down to the problem of dealing with hostile or rival kings. Although the speaker is convinced of the might of his king, he recommends the utmost caution in adopting war as an expedient. In the first place, if the desired object can be attained by diplomacy, it is useless to resort to war: who, for instance, climbs a mountain in search of honey if he can get it on the Mandāra tree?

मलयुद्धाभितथीणां सचयुद्धेन किं फलम् । को नाम शैलमारोहेदकं कण्डमपुः सुधीः ॥ 3. 73.

In the second place, a king should take up arms only when all other means, conciliation, gifts and sowing dissension, have been tried and found wanting. It is useless to take up arms when the desired result can be obtained by conciliation: who, for instance, administers poison when death can be caused with molasses?

साम्ना दानेन भेदेन यत् कार्यं नैव सिध्यति । तत्र दण्डः प्रयोक्तव्यो नृपेण भिद्यमिच्छता ॥

सामसाधयेदु कार्येषु को हि शक्तं प्रयोजयेत् । मृतिहेतुर्गुणो यत्र कस्तन्न निषदायकः ॥ 3. 91, 92.

The speaker pertinently asks, how much can be achieved by the sword? A man has, after all, one body and two hands: there are enemies at every step, and even an insignificant foe can be extremely troublesome (3. 90):

एकं वपुर्द्वौ हस्तौ सत्रवक्ष्य पदे पदे । दुःसहृत् कण्टकोऽपि स्वात् कियत् सङ्गेन साध्यते ॥

When war is decided upon, it is the duty of a king to adopt defensive measures for his own realm: a king who neglects to do so is like a man who takes off his underwear to cover his head with:

अकृत्वा निजदेशस्य रक्षां यो विजिगीषते । स नृपः परिधानेन वृत्तमौलिः पुमानिव ॥ 3. 74.

There are three periods in the life of a king: that of superiority to an enemy, that of equality with an enemy, and that of inferiority to him. It is in the first of these that warlike operations should be undertaken. Fighting with a powerful enemy is like fighting with an elephant on foot; while a clash between two equals, like that of two raw vessels, leads to the destruction of both. A powerful enemy should be attacked, like a wild elephant, by a combination of forces; while an equal should be subdued by employing others against him, just as one captures an elephant with the help of other elephants (3. 81-3):

उदयः समता हानिरथः काला महीमुखात् । तत्रापि एव बोद्धव्यं स्वात्मव्युत्थयोः पुनः ॥

पादपुद्गलिषेमेन भूयसा सह विग्रहः । तं संघातविधातेन साधयेद्गहनहस्तिवत् ॥

नाममात्रवशमुदे ससेनोभवतः श्वः । पुनं प्रवक्ष्येद्वैर्यैर्गजं प्रतिगजैरिव ॥

No enemy, however small, should be neglected; mighty elephants often meet with death at the hands of lion cubs. Sowing dissension among

enemies is an important step: a king neglecting this is like a man who pulls at bamboos interlaced in tall clumps. A king without power is like a lame man, unable to use his intelligence; and a king without intelligence is like a blind man, unable to use his power:

अहं महानयं स्वल्पश्रितेयं नृप मुच्यताम् । सिंहशावात् करीन्द्राणां मृत्युरत्र निदर्शनम् ॥ 3. 85.

अभिरवा शत्रुसंघातं यः पराक्रमते नृपः । स तुल्यस्त्वसंलग्नवीरणाकर्षकापते ॥ 3. 94.

शक्तिहीने मतिः कैव का शक्तिर्मतिवर्जिते । नृपस्य न्याय्यदृष्टान्तः पङ्कुरन्ध्रश्च कथ्यताम् ॥ 3. 95.

Bravery and loyalty count more in an army than numbers. A brave, well-equipped and efficient army, though small, contributes to success, provided it is loyal; a mere conglomeration of heads serves no useful purpose. Loyalty is an important factor, and a king who causes disaffection among his loyal subjects is bound to come to grief like a man who awakens a sleeping cobra:

अन्नसारं नृपं शूरमन्नमन्नमुराणि चेत् । अपि स्वल्पं श्रियं सैन्यं वृथेयं मुण्डमण्डली ॥ 3. 87.

स्वानुवर्तिषु लोकेषु वस्तु क्षोभाय चेष्टते । श्रेयांसि न विरं तस्य सुसंयालप्रबोधिबत् ॥ 3. 103.

In spite of the caution recommended by the speaker himself in matters affecting war, he ends by asking the king to send an expeditionary force against those whom a false sense of power has made overbearing and proud.

The chief minister Nitibrhaspati approves the foregoing speech, and, for his part, gives some advice to the king. He asks the king to look after the kingdom as a gardener does a garden, and reiterates the warning not to despise enemies, however small.

#### e) A CHALLENGE TO OTHER KINGS

We have next a specimen of a challenge to various kings and peoples, which the royal clerk, ordered by the king, reads out to the envoy, entrusted with the message:

गर्वं बर्बरं मुञ्च मा वरत रे पञ्चाळकाश्यापकं केळिं केरल संहार प्रविश रे मद्रेश देक्षान्तरम् ।

मिथ्यैश्वर्यवलाबलेपरमसम्पद्विद्वेकात्मनामित्थं वहिरिदित्तं न सहते देवः स दैवाश्रयः ॥

सौन्दीर्ष्याल्लिप्ति जगत्प्रचलज्ज्वर्णे देवे न यः प्रणतिभावमुपैति नृपः ।

तस्याहवेषु वयसां क्षिरसि प्रबन्धो यद्वाग्मेषु परलोकधिवा जटानाम् ॥

"Thou Barbara, renounce thy pride. Ye men of Pañcāla, be not wanton. Chief of Kerala, wind up thy amusements. King of Madra, take refuge in another land. The great king (Yasodhara), who believes in his destiny, will not tolerate your misdemeanour. You have forthwith lost all power of discernment through a false pride of wealth and power. The king who does not submit to His Majesty, magnanimous and renowned in all the three worlds, shall have birds of prey pouncing on his head fallen on the battlefield,

or have a tangled mass of hair on the head, passing his days in holy resorts, with his mind fixed on the world beyond<sup>1</sup>!" (3. 112-3).

Luckily this arrogant message does not seem to have been delivered, for the author says that, in spite of the king's order to deliver a message like this, an envoy should regulate his speech and conduct according to the temperament and resources of the court he visits.

f) VERSES AGAINST MINISTERS

The report of the spy against a wicked minister of Yaśodhara gives occasion to a poetical outburst against ministers in general, which is all the more interesting as the relevant verses are attributed to various poets whose names are clearly mentioned. It is difficult to say whether these names are fictitious or refer to real personages. The former alternative seems to be the more probable, as in the foregoing sections also various verses have been attributed to bards or speakers whose names are obviously fictitious, and seem to have been introduced to lend a graphic character to the narrative. It may, however, be pointed out that the section on ministers belongs to a somewhat different category, as the verses here are given in the form of a regular anthology, and look like quotations from different poets. It is not impossible that some of the names refer to poets who were Somadeva's contemporaries or obscure writers, now forgotten, but we cannot be certain on the point. It is also noteworthy that certain names, e. g., Mugdhāṅganā-keli-kutūhala, Vilāsiṇi-locana-kajjala, and Praudha-priyāpāṅganavotpala are too artificial to be real, although, as a matter of fact, fantastic names of poets are not quite rare in the Sanskrit Anthologies.

The chief value of this collection of verses lies in the fact that it is the nearest approach to political satire that we have in Sanskrit literature before Kṣemendra. Treatment of questions relating to Nīti or public policy is constantly found in the Mahākāvyas, but we have here a body of satirical verse directed against the ministers of kings; and there is at the end a set of verses which have for target a particular minister, and constitute a personal attack on him.

Taruṇī-līlā-vilāsa is the author of a prelude to what he calls the drama of a minister's villainy.

अज्ञापयन्नाकृतिः क्षितिपतिर्वन्नामवन्नायकः पौरो मातृपुराणपालितमतिर्मन्त्री अवित्रीयुतः ।

स प्रौढोक्तिरुहस्पतिश्च तल्लीलीकाविकासः कथितदुर्मन्त्रिदुरिहितं विजयते सूक्तोक्तं वादकम् ॥

The drama of a wicked minister's villainy thrives indeed well. It is full of excellent precepts. A king resembling a figure of straw is its hero.

1 i. e. defeat will cause him to renounce the world.

The citizens are nurtured on the myth of Fate, and the minister is the son of a blacksmith's wife. And there is a poet in the drama, Taruṇilāvilāsa by name; he is Br̥haspati himself in forceful composition (3. 125).

सुहोदधेष्टः क्षितिपः स्वभावात् सुदुष्टचेष्टः सचिवश्च यत्र ।

शुभाशयस्यापि सुमेधसोऽपि क्षेमः कुतस्तत्र भवेज्जनस्य ॥

'How can even a man, honest and intelligent, be happy in a realm where the king is, by nature, like a clod of earth, and the minister a perfect villain?' (3. 126).

शिष्टावासः कुतस्तत्र दुर्मेघी यत्र भूपतौ । इयेनैश्वर्यं तरौ यत्र कुतस्तत्रापरे द्विजाः ॥

'How can the good live under a king with a wicked minister? How can small birds live on a tree where the mastery belongs to a hawk?' (3. 127).

दुर्मेघिणो दुपसुतात् सुमहान् स लाभः प्राणैः समं भवति यत्र वियोगभावः ॥

सूनाकृतो गृहमुपेत्य ससारमेयं जीवन् मृगो यदि निरेति तदस्य पुण्यम् ॥

When a person is not deprived of his life by a prince with a wicked minister, it must be reckoned a mighty favour. When a stag comes out alive, after entering the dog-guarded house of a butcher, it must be due to his religious merit (3. 130).

Kavi-kaumudi-candra declares:

अहिबलवितमूलः पादपः केन सेव्यः भवति क इह शिष्टः शक्यसंगं तडागम् ।

विषकुलुषितमग्धः कस्य भोज्याय जातं कुसचिवहतभूतिर्भूपतिः कैरुपास्यः ॥

अविचेकमतिर्दुपतिर्मेघी गुणवत्सु वक्तितग्रीवः । यत्र सलाह प्रवलास्तत्र कथं सज्जनावसरः ॥

Who can resort to a tree that has a serpent coiled round its trunk? What wise man enters a tank with thorns in it? Who ever partakes of poisoned food? Who can serve a king whose welfare is marred by a villain of a minister? How can the good have any scope in a realm where the king lacks in discernment, the minister turns his face away from those who have merit, and villains are in power? (3. 131-2).

Two verses are attributed to a poet named Vidagdhamugdha, but they depend for force upon *double entendre*, and can be appreciated only in the original.

पङ्केजवने लक्ष्मीर्विपिने विजयो हुताशने तेजः । तपने च परं मण्डलमवनिपतेर्भवति दुःसचिवात् ॥

लङ्घेयु परं कोशः शोभायां तण्डुलाः करे पर्व । चतुरङ्गेषु च तत्रं दुर्मेघिणि भवति भूपत्य ॥

Nitinetra mentions the characteristics of a wicked minister:

राज्यवृद्धिस्ततोऽमात्याणो न कुक्षिमरिः स्वयम् । अति स्वल्पेय चेन्न कं भोक्तुं किमवेत् कुतः ॥

यः स्वाङ्गजपवद्भ्यो बहिरीक्षितमोहितः । तं खादन्ति न किं नाम लज्जिका इव सेवकाः ॥

The prosperity of a kingdom can be enhanced only by a minister who is not greedy. How can the owner eat if the cooking-vessel itself eats

up the rice? Is not the king who is charmed by outward looks, like a libertine, ruined by his servants, like whores? (3. 135-6).

कोपोद्ग्रासी प्रजापर्वसी वज्रक्षोभविधायकः । यो विद्वेषा विनिष्टानां शत्रुर्मन्त्रिमादसौ ॥

An enemy he is in the guise of a minister, who empties the royal treasury, ruins the people, stirs up rebellion in the army, and does harm to the leading citizens (3. 138).

Mānadhanañjaya says:

नृपतिमुतः सकनिरतः सचिवजनो दुर्जनोऽधनः सुजनः । महतां मलकशूलं जातैश्चयः कर्ष्यम् ॥

A prince devoted to villains and a wicked minister, and the virtuous poor, and the wealthy miser cause headache to the wise (3. 140).

Kavikovidā dwells on the wiles of ministers:

यदीच्छसि वशीकर्तुं महीशं गुणय द्वयम् । बहुमायामयं वृत्तं चित्तं चाकरुणामयम् ॥

If you wish to bring a king under your control, cultivate two things, an extremely deceitful character and a cruel heart (3. 142).

बहिरलघुरसप्रभवैरन्तःशून्यार्थपाटवैः सचिवैः । मुग्धमृगाः प्रतिदिवसं वश्यन्ते मरुमरीचिकाशङ्कैः ॥

Like a mirage in a desert, the ministers daily deceive those (thirsty) deer, the simpletons. Outwardly they have charming manners, but inwardly they are good for nothing (3. 143).

कार्ये स्वस्याभिमतो सचिवः सिद्धिं करोति हठवृत्त्या । नृपतिरयं बहुसचिवः के वयमत्रेति भावतेऽन्यथा ॥

A minister executes a task even by violent means when it serves his purpose. But when it serves the purpose of another, he simply says: 'The king has so many ministers; what authority have I?' (3. 144).

Abhimāna-mahādhara says:

यद्यपि विधे न सुविधिः कान्येऽर्थे वाच्यसे तथापीदम् । कुरु मरणं माकार्षीः सुजनानां दुर्जनैः संगम् ॥

Albeit thou grantest not our desires, o Fate, we beg this favour of thee: inflict death upon us, but never cause the good to associate with villains (3. 148).

मन्त्रावसरे समरे विधुरे दारेषु वस्तुसारेषु । यो न व्यभिचरति नृपे स कथं नु न वल्लभस्तस्य ॥

He who is faithful to a king in deliberations, war and adversity, and in respect of his wife and treasures, is bound to be dear to him (3. 149).

Avyādhidurbala enumerates certain things that are not likely to happen:

क्षाराब्धौ सलिलस्य दुर्जनजने विद्याविनोदस्य च क्षुब्धे संभ्रमभाषितस्य कृपणे लक्ष्मीविलासस्य च ।

भूये दुःसचिवागमस्य सुजने दारिद्र्यसंगस्य च ध्वंसः स्यादधिरेण यत्र दिवसे तं चिन्तयन् दुर्बलः ॥

I am tired of waiting for the day when the waters will forthwith cease to exist in the salt ocean, when villains will cease to profess love of learning, when mean fellows will cease to be addressed with respect, when misers

will cease to have joy of wealth, when kings will cease to have wicked ministers, and when honest persons will cease to be poor (3. 150).

Kavikusumāyudha is rather emphatic in what he says:

यदि तव हृदयं सनयं विद्वत् स्वमेऽपि मा क्व लेभिषाः । सचिवविरतं युवतिविरतं सद्भिर्विरतं सकविरतं च राजानम् ॥  
उपकः सलिलेषु तरेज्जलधिर्गाथेत मन्दरः प्रचरेत् । इति संभवति कदापिनासकभावः पुनः सचिवः ॥

If thou hast any sense of right, o wise man, never, even in a dream, resort to a king dominated by a minister or a young woman or a swordsman or a villain. A stone may float on water, the ocean may turn shallow, and the Mandara mountain may move, all this may one day happen, but never will there be a minister who is not a villain (3. 152-3).

Sujanajivita is hard both on kings and ministers:

विश्रुतं महिमासं सुजनं विज्जनं कुलीयमसुहीनम् । गुणिनं च दुःसकृन्निनं कुर्वोदिति सचिवसिद्धान्तः ॥  
कुमुदाकर इव दिनकृति विरमति क्षुपतिर्वरे सरागे हि । स कश्चु विरक्ते रज्यति रजनिरसमूर्णरजसीव ॥

'The faithful should be degraded, good men isolated, the highborn killed, and the virtuous made miserable': such is the doctrine of ministers. A king ceases to love a loyal person, just as a night lotus-bed ceases to bloom at the sight of the sun. He suddenly becomes attached to one who is disloyal, just as fluid turmeric sticks to pulverised lime (3. 156-7).

Mugdhānganā-kelikutūhala describes how ministers dissuade the king from helping good and pious men:

उदारतं इव सिद्येत मग्नी सख्यु धनव्यये । कृतार्थं इव मोदेत विट-वाग्जीवनादिषु ॥  
सकृन्निनं हुतमिव महते बहसं देव तदकलं सकलम् । उपयोगिने तु देवं नटाव विटपेटकायापि ॥  
पिण्डीधूराः केवलमग्नी हि सर्वस्वमक्षणे दक्षाः । न हि वामार्थं सन्तः स्वामिन् भटपेटिकार्थं वा ॥

A minister would be pained, like a man suffering from fever, if money were spent for the benefit of honest people. But he would rejoice like a man who has achieved success, if it were spent on libertines, panegyrists and the like. (He says to the king) 'Sire, what is given to the pious is all useless, like an oblation offered on ashes. Money should be given to those who serve an useful purpose, even to dancers and pimps. Those pious fellows are merely gluttons, expert in consuming their substance. Sire, they do not keep watch at night nor do they contribute to the maintenance of the warriors.' (3. 158-60).

Vilāsinilocanakajjala refers to the misappropriation of public money by ministers:

यद्वत्सं दृश्यतेऽमात्यैः कलमाकाशजं कथिद् । तत्सर्वस्वापहाराव मुग्धेषु पुरभूतवद् ॥  
संभावयत्यमात्योऽयं यद् स्वमेव महीमुनि । तदम्बकादिष्वेकोऽस्य मा यूयमपि चनादिभि ॥

If ministers sometimes show to ignorant kings a slight transitory profit from some investment, it is with a view to misappropriating the



entire amount; just as certain jackals, showing to the lion a small portion of the game, ate all of it themselves!<sup>1</sup> A minister creates an impression of his own honesty on the mind of the king lest the latter should find out the truth from another while he is misappropriating<sup>2</sup> public money (3. 162-3).<sup>3</sup>

Sārastani-kaitava-kautuka, after pointing out that the evil accompanies the good, depicts a minister as a kind of monster:

और्वोऽलर्बः सुधाम्भोवौ भूपाळे प्रबलाः खलाः । सदर्पाश्चन्दने सर्पा न रक्षमनुपद्रवम् ॥

The great submarine fire burns in the ocean of nectar; villains are in power in the court of a king; and fierce serpents are found on the sandal tree. No gem is there without some blemish (3. 165).

प्रहो प्रहानामसुरोऽसुराणां बभो बमस्यापि नृपस्य मन्त्री ।

एवं न चेदेव कथं नु जीवेदकारणं कोविदकामकाः ॥

द्वित्रिङ्को जन्तूनां मृगपतिरिमानामिव कुले तद्विद्दोऽद्रीणामयमसमरोचिः क्षितिरुहाम् ।

हिमातानोऽज्ञानां तपतपनकालश्च सरसाममूत् कूरः कोऽपि प्रकृतिलङ्घभावेन महताम् ॥

The minister of a king is a planet among the harmful planets, a demon among demons, and death of death. If it is not so, how does he manage to exist without any justifying cause, he who frustrates the desires of all wise men? A minister is born among the great, savagely cruel by reason of his vile nature, like a serpent among the creatures, like a lion among the elephants, like a thunder-bolt over the mountains, like a fire among the trees, like a screen of frost over the lotuses, and like the hot summer among the pools of water (3. 166-7).

Praudha-priyāpāṅga-navotpala says:

तत्र कथं ननु सन्तो यत्राले तच्चतुष्टयं युगपत् । कलिकालः खलकालो नृपकालः सविचकालश्च ॥

How can the good live in a place where these four live simultaneously: the Death-like Kali Age, Death-like villains, a Death-like king, and a Death-like minister! (3. 169).

The verses of the remaining poets are directed against the wicked minister Pāmarodāra, and contain various charges against his character. The poet Aśvattha says:

1 See Śrutasāgara's commentary.

2 वनसिन्धु means literally 'one who eats money.' 'Eating money' is the Assamese expression for 'misappropriation.' Compare also *rōkka tinnu* in Kannada and *poise khānē* in Marāṭhi.

3 "The emperor's councillors are swindlers," declares a chronicler speaking of the conditions in Germany on the eve of the Reformation; "they nearly all grow rich while the emperor grows poor." Quoted by Janissen: *History of the German People at the close of the Middle Ages*, ii. 84.

परमहिकाः कुलमहिकाः परिजनवलिता विनोदवलिताः । रतिस्वभावं रण्णाकापनभावं युद्धदातः ॥

The wives of others are, as it were, his married wives. The wives of his relatives are his companions of joy. Whores are the object of his love and affection. Nuns are his serving maids (3. 206).

The young poet Bharata (Bharata-bāla-kavi), after accusing the minister of dishonesty and corruption, exposes his hypocrisy :

परवित्ततः परदारतः परवञ्चनवृत्तिचरिततः । अधमपञ्चवर्णसम्भवः सखिबः समभूतव देव तमःप्रभवः ॥

Sire, thy minister, belonging to a degenerate oilman's family was born as the source of sin. He is addicted to the wealth of others, addicted to the wives of others, and addicted to the habit of cheating others (3. 201).

करितुरगरथनरोत्करविहारसंहारिवालिङ्गमाणी । संहरति राष्ट्रमध्ये नावसे पादुकायुगलम् ॥

दलकुल्लसकानि तरोर्नोच्छति किञ्च तत्र जीवयीतेति । यम इव सकलांश्च पुनर्देवद्विजत्तापसान् प्रसते ॥

'He travels in the kingdom, destroying numerous creatures by the reckless march of his elephants, horses, chariots and camp-followers, but does not wear a pair of shoes (for fear of hurting animal life)! He plucks no leaves, flowers, and fruits of trees lest he should hurt any sentient being; but, like the god of death, he destroys all gods (i. e. idols), Brāhmanas and hermits.' (3. 210-11).

Puruhūta gives the following estimate of Pāmarodāra's character :

मानवति मानदलनो गुणवति गुणगोपनः स्वतः परतः । कुलश्रीकशौर्यशालिषु विशेषतो नृषु च कीनासः ॥

क्षारोदधिरिव सुविद्या चण्डालकनकाशयोपमः कृतिनाम् । मरुमाककूपकल्पः सतां च तव देव सांमर्तं सखिबः ॥

मदा विदाः किराटाश्च पटुवाचाटतोक्ताः । सखिबे तव चेहन्तां कटके मकटभिवः ॥

'He wounds the pride of those who are proud, and conceals the merit of those who are meritorious, either himself or with the help of others. He is Death particularly to those who are high-born, good-natured and brave. Sire, thy minister is at the moment like the salt ocean in his dealings with persons of talent. For the virtuous he is like a Caṇḍāla's tank. For the good he is like a rocky well in a desert. So long as thy minister is in office, may dancers, libertines, swindlers and glib tattlers thrive in thy camp!' (3. 216, 218, 220).

Panditavaitaṇḍika reports a conversation between Villainy and his mother Deceit bearing on the character of Pāmarodāra :

हे वत्स दीर्जम्ब किमन्व माये कः सांमर्तं नाशुचितो निवासः ।

वदामि मातः शृणु सोऽसि नूनं चः पामरोदारमिराचराङ्कः ॥

(Deceit:) 'Child Villainy!' (Villainy:) 'What sayst thou, mother Deceit?'

(Deceit:) 'What will now be our fitting abode?' (Villainy:) 'I say, mother, hear. There it is, a symbol of meanness, under the name Pāmarodāra!' (3. 224).

Sarasvatitūdaga makes the final attack :

स्वयं कर्ता स्वयं हर्ता स्वयं वक्ता स्वयं कविः । स्वयं नटः स्वयं जग्दो मञ्जो विद्याहृत्सिख ॥

'Thy minister appears in an endless variety of rôles. He is himself creator and destroyer both. He is himself the speaker and the poet, the dancer and the clown!' (3. 225).

In addition to the verses attributed to various poets, a number of verses on the much hated ministers is interspersed in the report of the spy, the line of attack being very much the same.

बहिरिच्छित्तवैर्मन्दमन्त्रचारैर्विभूतनयनपातैः साधुताकारसारैः ।

सिद्धतिनयविनीतैश्चान्तरेतैरमालैस्त्रिमय इव बकोटैर्वञ्चिताः के न लोकाः ॥

दूरादीर्घमवेक्षणं सरभसः प्रीतिक्रमः संभ्रमः प्रत्यासन्नमयासनं श्रियकथाचारे महानादरः ।

बाह्योऽयं सचिवेषु चेष्टितविधिः कामं न कं मोदयेद्वित्तहा तु न जातु मार्दवमयी मन्ये जनन्यासपि ॥

None there is who is not deceived by these ministers, as the fishes are by the cranes. They are immaculate in outward appearance and dress, walk slowly, and cast steadfast glances. A pretence of honesty is their asset, and they are trained in their inmost hearts in the art of deception (3. 191). They look intently at a visitor even from a distance, receive him with effusive courtesy and respect, offer him a seat near themselves, and cordially indulge in pleasant talks. Who is not supremely delighted by their outward deportment? But, methinks, they have no pity in their hearts even for their mothers (3. 198).

#### g) MINOR THEMES OF COURT POETRY

Among other verses incidental to court life may be mentioned those attributed to the Sandhivigrahins, announcing the arrival of the envoys of different princes at Yaśodhara's court (3. 246-9); the verses containing the challenge of his warriors to the king of Pañcāla (3. 405ff); and the eulogistic verses recited by the bard Mārganamalla during Yaśodhara's archery practice (3. 466-72). There are also groups of verses which describe various court festivals. One such group is connected with the spring festival when the god of love is worshipped by the king. The latter is asked to put on vernal attire in a series of verses (3. 447-56), while the sport of swings which forms part of the festivities in honour of Cupid is described in the verses quoted below :

नवकिसलयपूगीपादपक्षरमहोमाः सिततरुकरकान्ताशोकबलिप्रसादाः ।

मणिकुसुमदुष्कोटोपकेतुप्रकान्तास्त्रय नृपवर दोलाः कुर्वतां कामितानि ॥

वक्रं वक्रमुपैति वक्रं नवने नेत्रप्रतिस्पर्धिनी वक्रः पीनपद्मोदराप्रकण्ठनात् सोल्लासलीलान्वरम् ।

इलौ इल्लसमीपवृत्तिवर्लितौ जह्वे च जह्वामिते दोलान्दोकनमङ्गवर्णितभरं तत् कल न प्रीतये ॥

'May the swings, o best of kings, fulfil thy desires! They are beautiful with poles of areca trees with fresh young leaves, and fitted

with branching Aśoka creepers with camphor wood boards attached to the ends. Charming they are with canopies and banners of silk set with flower-shaped gems. Who is not delighted by the oscillation of the swings, the women adding their weight? During the sport, mouth comes near mouth; eyes meet eyes; the heart is enraptured at the contact of the partner's high projecting bosom; hands move close to hands; and legs are entwined with legs.' (3. 447, 458).

A bard named Śūnāsūkta recites a few verses (3. 462-464) describing to the king the Festival of Lights (*dipotsava*):

यूतोन्मादितकामिनीजितश्रुतमाणेशचादृक्कटः कीदृहारविलासिनीजनमवन्मूषाधिकस्फोडः ।

आलोचयन्निमग्नकारवमरव्याजृम्भिताक्षामुखः प्रीतिं पूर्णमनोरथस्य भवतः पुष्पाद् प्रदीपोत्सवः ॥

'May the Festival of Lights bring delight to thee, whose desires are fulfilled! It is enlivened by the flattering words of lovers, defeated in gambling, and held fast by their mistresses, excited by the game. It is charming with the varied adornment of the courtesans, engaged in sports. The regions of the sky resound with the deep auspicious notes of instrumental music.' (3. 463).

The blessings of the goddess Aparājītā are invoked on the occasion of the Mahānavamī festival by a bard named Vijayajaitrāyudha for the victory of the king on the battlefield (3. 459-61):

सङ्गे सङ्गतनुस्थितिर्धनुवि च प्राप्ता धनुःसंहतिं बाणे बाणवपुर्मुजे भुजमयी गान्धे तनुत्राकृतिः ।

संप्राप्तेऽप्रजयाय चिन्तितविधौ चिन्तामणिर्भूमुजा या मा स्यादपराजिता तव मुहुर्जैप्राप्य चाग्नीपते ॥

'May Aparājītā contribute to thy victory oft and anon, o king! In the sword of kings she is incarnate as a Sword, and in their bow she assumes the shape of a Bow. She is incarnate as Arrow in their arrows and as Arm in their arms, and assumes the form of an armour round their bodies: she is as a Wishing Gem in fulfilling their desire for triumph in battles.' (3. 459).

The blessings of Sarasvatī are similarly invoked during the Pūrvārāṅga ceremony in the court theatre on the occasion of dance performances, and we have here a specimen hymn to Sarasvatī recited on such occasions (3. 261-268):

स्वर्गसदां वदनपद्मनिवासहंसी विद्याधरप्रवणमण्डनरकरेखा ।

मूषासमानसविमूषणहारवटिर्वाङ्मदेवता नृप तवागनुतां हितानि ॥

संख्यासु प्रतिवासरं भुतिवृत्तिर्बद्धा प्रणामाजर्कि योगस्वापमुपेत दुग्धजलधौ शेषाश्रितः श्रीपतिः ।

संभुज्यावति चाक्षसूत्रवलयं कृत्वा करेऽनम्यभीर्देहि त्वत्पदपङ्कजहृदयमिदं सर्वार्थकामप्रदम् ॥

'May the Goddess of speech confer benefits on thee, o king! She is a swan abiding in the lotus mouths of the gods; a spray of jewels adorning the ears of the Vidyādhara; a pearlstring embellishing the minds of

mortals! Everyday at morn, noon and eve, Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva intently contemplate thy lotus feet that grant all objects and desires, o goddess! Brahmā, by folding his hands in obeisance; Viṣṇu that lies on the serpent Ananta in the Ocean of Milk, by resorting to Yogic trance; and Śiva, by holding in his hand a rosary of Rudrākṣa beads! (3. 264-5).

#### h) PANEGRYRICH

Panegyrics are an essential feature of court poetry, and there are several of them in *Yasastilaka*. The following specimens are from among the verses addressed to Māradatta by the ascetic boy and the ascetic girl:

कर्पूरमुमगर्भधूलिचबलं चत् केतकानां त्विषः श्वेतिस्त्रा परिभूय चन्द्रमहसा सार्धं प्रतिस्पर्धते ।

तत् पाकोन्मुखनालिकेरसलिलच्छायावदार्तं यशः प्राख्येयचक्रचूलिकासु भवती गायन्ति सिद्धाङ्गनाः ॥

पुष्पश्रीर्वस्य ताराः फलममृतदधिः पत्रलक्ष्मीर्युनयाः कल्लोलाः स्कन्धबन्धो हरगिरिरमराम्भोधिरप्तालवालः ।

कन्दः शेषश्च आकाः पुनरक्षिकदिगाभोग एवैव स क्षात्रेलेक्यप्रीतिहेतुः क्षितिप तव यशःपादपोऽनल्पकल्पम् ॥

रियुक्ततिमिरनिकरदावानल जगति तनोषि मङ्गलं दिशि भुवि विदिशि दिशि च विदुषार्चित धाम दध्नासि संततम् ।

सुवगन्मोजसरसि सहतां मत दिशसि विबोधनम्रियं धर्मविनोदं भूप तव भानुमतश्च न किञ्चिदन्तरम् ॥

'The wives of the semi-divine Siddhas sing thy fame on the Himalayan peaks. White as the inner dust of camphor trees, and bright as the lustre of the milk in mature coconuts, thy fame vies with moonbeams, surpassing in whiteness the radiance of Ketakas in bloom! (1. 155). Sire, may the tree of thy fame delight the universe for endless ages! The stars are its flowers, the moon is its fruit, the ripples of the celestial Ganges are its leaves, the mount of Kailāsa is its trunk, the Ocean of Milk is its watering basin, the serpent Ananta is its root, and all the regions of the sky are its branches! (1. 165). No difference is there between thee and the sun, o king, delighting in religious virtue. Thou who art a forest-fire in destroying the expanse of darkness, to wit, thy foes, thou dost good to the world. Thou who art honoured by the wise, ever dost thou radiate thy brilliance in heaven, on earth, and in the regions and corners of the sky Thou who art esteemed by the great, thou dost create the beauty of bloom in the lotuspool of the world!' (1. 169).

Battle-scenes, a favourite theme of Kāvya poetry, are described in *Yasastilaka* (3. 437-441):

क्रोधावेशप्रधावोद्धतसुभटव्याधिर्यवन्मूलबन्धस्तूर्णस्वङ्गपुरुक्काननपवनवशावेशविस्मारसारः ।

आसीदस्त्रन्दनाग्रजनिमृतमरः पर्वटकुञ्जरेन्द्रस्कारव्यापारकर्णाहतिविततशिलाः पांसुरूपं व्यधावीत् ॥

The dust of the battlefield sped high, originating from the multitudes of warriors vehemently rushing forward in a paroxysm of rage, and was spread far and wide by the pantings of the swiftly galloping chargers. Masses of it were held fast by the banners on the top of the advancing

chariots, and its topmost layer was dispersed by the extensive flappings of the ears of the roving elephants ( 3. 437 ).

## II. SCENES OF NATURE

Nature poetry is adequately represented in *Yasastilaka*, some of the descriptions being put in the mouth of the bards of Yasodhara's court and addressed to the king. While Somadeva's portrayal of natural scenery will not bear comparison with the classic descriptions of the earlier poets, it is not wanting in genuine touches which reveal the poet's sympathy with Nature and his accurate powers of observation. There are elaborate pictures of the seasons and morning and evening scenery as well as glimpses of animal life; and it may be said, on the whole, that the poet's verses on the subject often have rapidity of movement and show a comprehensive grasp of details.

A large number of verses is devoted to the seasons ( 1. 53-68; 3. 376-387, 389-401, 425-435, 442-446 ).

भास्वजास्वति दाहवाहिमरुति ज्वालोद्भवासाहति शुष्मनूत्ति दीप्यमानविद्यति प्रेङ्गमुत्ताम्भोद्यति ।

संशुष्यत्सरिति कथत्तनुमति स्वान्तोज्ज्वोर्जाहति ग्रीष्मेऽस्मिन् महति क्षयामवधिति प्राञ्जन् नृति गच्छति ॥

In the summer the sun shines bright, the winds radiate heat, the regions of the sky are made fierce like flames, the mountains wither, the sky is ablaze, and perspiration gleams on the visage of men. The rivers dry up, the creatures are scorched, Love loses its force, and the disease of consumption prevails. A wanderer at the height of summer meets with death ( 3. 377 ).

मार्तण्डवद्वहतापस्तपति मरुभुवामभिसारवं दधानः कामं च्योमान्तराणि स्वगयति किमपि द्योति भावत् पुरस्ताद ।

ऊर्ध्वं लिङ्गमवीचीवीचयमिव विस्जस्येतदाक्षान्तरालं मग्नान् लिङ्गानां पयसि च करिणः काथयन् वाति वातः ॥

Fierce with heat, the sun doth shine, setting the deserts on fire. A mysterious luminosity, moving before the eyes, intensely pervades the regions of the sky. Yonder horizon seems to belch forth waves of vapour. The wind blows, scorching the elephants, immersed in the waters of rivers ( 1. 60 ).

The king is asked to resort to the refreshing shade of the gardens in the summer :

कृतकिलकवध्याः प्रान्तभूतप्रयानाः सवकरचितकुट्यास्तमसुनोपहाराः ।

जलसरणिसमीरासारसाराः प्रियाणां कुचकलत्रविकासैर्निर्विशोधानभूमीः ॥

'Enjoy the gardens, delightful with breezes from the rivulets, accompanied by the graceful movements of the plump bosoms of thy mistresses. Beds of leaves are made in them, and mango groves are on the borders. The garden walls are made of clusters of flowers, and blossoms are strewn on the ground.' ( 3. 378 ).

The effect of the summer heat on certain familiar birds and animals is described in the following verse :

मध्याह्नेऽद्याव वाहाभटुकतरसुरासोयमार्गं लज्जन्ति स्थानावानेहमीषाः पयसि कृतरतीन् हस्तिनी नैव भिष्टाः ।  
सोपोतुण्डः शिलग्री विमृशति शिशिरान् कम्बुद्रोमिवेसान् खेप्यं कच्छेषु चेमाः कमलदलतलं वारकाः संजयन्ति ॥

At noon the horses quickly leave the channels of water with ever swift hooves. The keepers fail to bring home the elephants playing in the waters. The peacock, raising his beak from heat, seeks cool caves and valleys, and yonder female swans rest as they like under lotus leaves on the borders of streams ( 1. 61 ).

The rainy season is brought into special connection with love and described with gusto and enthusiasm :

उन्मार्गान्मसि मेघमन्दनमसि छत्रांशुमतेजसि ध्रुम्यत्स्रोतसि रुद्रपाश्वतरसि स्फूर्जतचिह्नवसि ।  
कन्दपौकसि मत्तकेकिमनसि प्रेमोष्यते चेतसि काले यासि कथं च रुद्रवयसि प्रौढां प्रियां मुञ्चसि ॥

In the season when the waters overflow, the sky is overcast, the rays of the sun are obscured, the streams are in flood, the speed of wayfarers is checked, and flashes of lightning abound: in such a season, the resort of the god of love, when the peacocks' hearts are maddened, and thy own heart is eager for love, how canst thou leave thy youthful wife and go on thy travels, young as thou art! ( 3. 389 ).

उत्कृज्ज्वलितं नटकरदिनं प्रादुर्भवंष्णालिनं कीदृजेककुलं पतद्गुह्यं ध्रुम्यदरित्रीतलम् ।

पुष्पकाममदं जयजयपदं सोत्सर्गसिन्धुस्यदं इदमेव मिहिरं जगत्प्रियकरं कामवेति न स्त्री नरम् ॥

What woman doth not approach her lover at the sight of the rainclouds, delightful to the world? Now the peacocks sing, the elephants dance, the trees flourish, the frogs make merry, heavy showers come, and the earth is astir; the frenzy of love grows apace, the countryside thrives in glory, and the current of rivers gains in force ( 3. 390 ).

The monsoon breezes are described in several verses:

कुर्वाणाः प्रचलाकिनां कलरवैरुत्तालनृत्तक्रियां म्यस्वन्तो निचुलेषु कन्दलदलोद्भासावकाशप्रियः ।

एते यातकपोतपेयनिपतत्पाथःकणभेणयो वाता वाप्ति निदाचलङ्घनघनोद्भावाः प्रदीर्घांगमाः ॥

Breezes blow, pervasive in their approach, and skilled in overcoming the summer heat. They dance wildly to the sweet notes of peacocks, and exhibit in Kadamba trees the beauty born of the rich array of shoots and leaves, and produce the raindrops the young Cātaka birds drink ( 3. 392 ).

स्फुटितकुटजरात्रिर्मेघिकोद्भासहारी नवनिचुलविलासः कन्दलानन्दकारी ।

सरति जनसमीरः सीकरासारधारी कृतसमधिककान्तिः केतकीकाननानाम् ॥



A strong wind sweeps along, conveying sprays of water, and enhancing the beauty of the Ketaki groves. It makes the rows of Kūṭaja trees burst into bloom, and destroys the gaiety of Mallikā blossoms, and makes the young Kadamba trees gay, and brings joy to Kandala flowers (3. 393).

शोकाद्यद् करिणां करपुष्कराणि रम्भोद्गुरन्वितकीचककानवान्तः ।

उद्गमयद् मण्डरीर्नैवजीवन्ना वातः प्रवाति किलितान्धवर्षरङ्गः ॥

The wind blows, a prelude to the dance of peacocks, making the bees, seated on the fresh Kadamba blossoms, sing. It quickens the movements of the fore-ends of elephants' trunks; and makes the interior of the bamboo groves echo with loud sounds coming through the holes (3. 394).

The pleasures of the rainy season are recounted again:

रामाः कामप्रकामाः सुखविकृतिकादोहदा वाग्विवादाः सौधोत्सङ्गाः सभोगासङ्गतदकोष्ठासकान्ता विगन्ताः ।

वर्षिष्वासारवारिसवदनपुष्पजनेसाराः समीराः सोऽयं मोदाय राज्ञः भवति समयः कस्य पर्जन्यजन्मः ॥

Sire, who is not delighted by this season of rainclouds? Now the women burst with passion; literary quarrels take place centering round topics in the works of worthy poets; the palaces are equipped with the joys of life; the regions of the sky look charming with the gay beauty of the young leaves of trees; and the breezes are laden with thick sprays of water issuing from heavy showers (3. 401).

The plight of the animals in the deepening gloom of the rainy season with its floods and storms is touchingly described:

मेषोद्गीर्णपतकडोरकरकासारप्रसस्तिन्धुरे पूरङ्गावितकूलपादपकुलधुम्वत्सरित्पावति ।

अम्भश्चण्डसमीरणाश्रयशिवाकेलकारतन्मन्धुगे काले सुचिमुत्तामसेषतिमिरमायःक्षपासङ्गिनि ॥

भूयःपयःप्लवनिपातिसौलङ्ग्ये पर्जन्यगर्जितवितर्जितसिंहपोते ।

सौदामनीधुतिकराहितसर्पद्विष्टे कं देवमाश्रयतु हिम्भवती कुल्ली ॥

The elephants are frightened by showers of ever falling rough hailstones hurled by the clouds. The waters of the rivers heave with the trees on the banks swept away by the current. The deer languish as the jackals howl on account of violent rainstorms. In such a season when the nights are dark as pitch, where will the hind take shelter with her young? Now, the mountain peaks are hurled down by heavy floods; the lion cubs are frightened by the rumble of the rainclouds, and the regions of the sky made lurid by flashes of lightning (1. 65-6).

Winter scenery and the joys of the season are described in the following verses:

इच्छाहासिनि सत्यहासिनि सारं शोकातिकोरफुल्लिनि कौक्षोन्मादिनि कुन्दनन्दिनि वनाहलेवाङ्गनापादिनि ।

माखन्मन्दिनि वातवाहिनि हिमालासवसकाङ्गिनि काले कामिनि दीर्घरात्रिचटिनि प्रादेद् कृती कोऽप्यनि ॥

यज्रेतद् सत्यमेव कामिनु निशि कीर्णा वनालिङ्गनं यन्नायं सरकेलिकामितसमायामक्षिबामायनः ।

यन्नात्रार्द्रकपालिनिः परिश्रितः सद्यःसुदोऽसौ रसः प्रीत्यै कस्य न ह सितीश्वरपते प्राक्षेयकालोऽनुना ॥

Beloved, what wise man would take the road in the season that prolongs the nights? It lessens the heat of the sun and lets loose winds, and the creatures are benumbed by snowstorms. This is the season that ripens the sugarcane, and looks beautiful with the corn, and makes Śephālikā flowers abundantly bloom; maddens Krauñca birds, cheers up Kunda blossoms, and causes women to tighten their embrace (3.431). O lord of kings, who doth not delight in the winter now? In this season the women tightly embrace their lovers of their own accord at night; and the nights are long, like the cherished joys of the sports of love. Now is also served fresh sugarcane juice flavoured with slices of raw ginger (3. 435).

वैनीताः सौधमध्ये घनद्रुमरसाक्षिगात्रैः प्रकामं कान्तावक्षोजकुञ्जार्जनविजयिभुजैर्दीर्घयामास्त्रियामाः ।

विधवातसङ्घबद्धिप्रसरितभस्तिवापाण्डवः पिण्डशेषास्ते हेमन्ते नयन्ते तव नृप रिपवः शर्षरीं पर्वतेषु ॥

Lean and emaciated, thy enemies, o king, pass the winter nights on the mountains, their bodies whitened by the spreading ashes of the fires dying out near them. Once did they pass the long nights in their palaces, their bodies profusely smeared with thick saffron paint, with the hands gaily placed in the bower of the bosoms of their beloved ! (3. 433).

The poet is fond of dilating on the severity of the winter cold and its benumbing effect on men and animals, and sets before our eyes a series of vivid little frosty scenes :

सिंहः संनिहितेऽपि सीदति गजे शीर्षकमस्पन्दनो मध्याह्नेऽपि न जातसङ्घकवकः प्रायः कुरङ्गीपतिः ।

वत्सः कुण्ठितकण्ठनालचलनः पातुं न शक्तः सप्तं वक्त्रं नेति विभातकर्मकरणे पाणिर्हिंजानामपि ॥

हंसी चञ्चुपुटान्तरार्पितबिलच्छेदात् खरं खिद्यते भूमिजलकरा करेणुरवसाक्षीरक्षणी ताम्बयति ।

प्रातर्दिग्भविष्येद्विपुण्डकलनाक्षीहारकाकागमे इक्ष्म्यसफकद्रवा च शबरी बाष्पावुरं रोदिति ॥

अङ्गोऽर्धेऽपि तरङ्गवारि करिणो गृह्णन्ति रोधःस्थिता जिह्वाग्राद्रकनालमेति न पयः सिंहे सत्प्लेऽपि च ।

एषानामधराभ्यन्तराकलुडिवास्तिष्ठन्ति पायःकणाः पूर्वोत्सातविश्रुष्कपट्टकगतः पोत्री च मुक्तशानः ॥

The lion sits idle, unable to move his feet, albeit the elephant is just near him. The antelope, as a rule, doth not take his mouthful of tender grass even at noon. The calf, with its neck inert, is unable to suck its mother's teat. Even the Brāhmanas are loth to apply the hands to the mouth while performing the morning rites (1. 54). The female swan feels great pain when a piece of lotus-stalk is put in her mouth (by her mate). The she-elephant languishes, resting the trunk on the ground, with her full breasts benumbed with cold. The Śabara woman, taking some fruit juice in her hands, piteously weeps when she sees in the winter morning the inert face of her child (1. 56). Even at noon the elephants drink only wave-splashed water from the banks of rivers. Even though the lion is athirst, water doth not come down his throat from the tip of the tongue. Drops of water remain rolling between the lips of antelopes. The boar resorts to the dry pond previously dug up, and feeds on Musta grass there (1.57).

The love life of animals in the spring is described in the following verse:

इंसो वनं मृगालिनीकिसलयैर्गन्धुवतोवैर्गजः कोकशुम्भनचेहितैः परिपतन् पारावतः कृजितैः ।

एनः सुहाचिवर्षणैर्गुणपतिर्गणं पुनः श्लेषजैः सुहारप्रसरप्रमादिहृदयः स्वां स्वां त्रिधां सेवते ॥

In springtime the animals, their hearts gladdened by the surge of love, caress their mates, each his own; the swan with offerings of tender leaves of water-lilies, and the elephant with mouthfuls of water; the red goose with strenuous kissings, and the flying dove with cooings; the antelope with gentle scratchings with the horns; and the lion with close embraces ever and anon (3. 442).

Geographical names are sometimes used to add a zest to natural descriptions:

आमन्दं पल्लवीनां रतिरभसमरप्राप्तकेलीभिर्नोराः सामोदं केरलीनां मुखकमलवनामोदपानप्रगल्भाः ।

आशौचं कुन्तलीनां कुचकलशरसावासकाराः समीराः काले वान्ति स तस्मिन् किल मलयलतानर्तिनो दक्षिणास्याः ॥

The breezes of the south, which make the creepers on the Malaya mountain dance, blew at the time, soft, fragrant and cool. Verily these breezes delight in the vehement gaiety of love, in which the Pallava women indulge; avidly imbibe the fragrance of the lotus mouths of the women of Kerala; and linger on the perspiration on the high bosoms of the women of Kuntala (2. 69).

Morning scenery is described in 3. 3-22, and moonrise in 3. 479-489.

उरकल्लोलो जलधिरजडं नीलनीरेजमेतन्मारः स्फारः प्रमदद्दयोदारचाराश्चकोराः ।

सौधोत्सङ्गाः सपदि विहितक्षीरपूरामिषङ्गा यस्मिन्नासे स जयति जनानन्दनश्चन्द्र एव ॥

वृद्धिर्धैर्विजयसमयः पुष्पकोदण्डपाणेः क्रीडानीडं रतिरसविधेः प्राणितं पञ्चमस्य ।

जीर्णां लीलावगमनिगमः कामिनां केलिहेतुः श्रोतःसूतिर्निजमाणेभुवां देव चन्द्रोदयोऽयम् ॥

Yonder Moon thrives in glory, causing delight to men. When he joyously rises, the ocean surges with waves; the blue lotus comes to life, the god of love waxes strong; the Cakora birds move freely about with delighted hearts; and the surface of palaces is forthwith flooded with milk! (3. 481). Sire, this moonrise causes the ocean to swell. It is the hour of the flowerbowed Cupid's triumph. It is the pleasure resort of the sentiment of love and the life-breath of the fifth note of the gamut. It is the science that teaches women their graceful movements; the occasion for the sports of lovers; and the source of the oozing of moonstones (3. 484).

Descriptions of mountains and the Sipurā river occur in Book. V. The following verse is addressed to an ancient tree:

पान्थैः पल्लवलुपटनं करदिभिः स्कन्धस्य संवहनं संवाधो हरिभिः सङ्कुन्तलिकरैः क्षोदस्तु किं वर्ण्यते ।

किं चान्धस्तव देवदेहसरसक्षौलोपमान्यस्थितेरात्मीया इव वस्य वाचकजनैः स्वच्छन्दसेव्याः शिष्यः ॥

Travellers pluck thy leaves; elephants shake thy trunk; monkeys harass thee; and how can the pecking by beavies of birds be described? What else

can be said! Divine and universally honoured as thou art, thy riches can be enjoyed at will by suppliants as if they were all their own! (Book V, p. 177).

Apart from the glimpses of animal life in the account of the seasons, a considerable number of verses is devoted to the description of animals in our work. Verses in praise of horses and elephants are recited by the bards on the occasion of the presentation of the royal horse and the royal elephant to Yaśodhara on the eve of his coronation. Elephants receive the first tribute of praise (2. 167-190). For example,

अवेतु दुर्गामि जलेतु सेतवो गृहानि मार्गेतु रणेतु राक्षसाः ।

मनःप्रसादेतु विनोदयेतसो गवा इवाम्बु किमिहासि वाहनम् ॥ 2. 176.

Another series of verses is recited by the keepers on the occasion of the sports of elephants witnessed by Yaśodhara (3. 291-318). The poet often succeeds in presenting a life-like picture of the animal.

उच्यन्तीकृतकर्मवाक्यगुणकः प्रत्यक्षपांसुकिचः प्रसादिदरेणुकेलिरमणः प्रत्यर्पितान्मोचतः ।

वातुः प्रार्थनया विराट् निवृत्तानिक्षुन् गृहीत्वा करे तिष्ठत्यम्बकरीन्द्रसंचरमनाः कोपम्बवाकीडितः ॥

The elephant stands, holding in his trunk the sugarcane ere long seized at the instance of the keeper. He is rooted to the ground by the frenzy of wrath, his mind fixed on a rival; and the flat ears stand firm and erect. He hath given up playing with dust and renounced the joy of sports with his mate and repelled the pot of water set before him (3. 293).

Horses receive their share of praise in 2. 191-208. For example,

कदनकन्दुककेलिविकासिनः परवकस्वकने परिचा इवाः ।

सककसूचकवेक्षणदृष्टवः समरकाकमनोरथसिद्धवः ॥

Perhaps more interesting are certain individual verses on other animals. A simple yet faithful description of a dog occurs in Book V:

निर्मासासः कपिकनचनः स्वपतीक्ष्णाप्रकर्णः कुक्षिसामः दृष्टुज्जवनः पूर्ववक्षःप्रदेशः ।

दुरवलिगमप्रवृत्तशनः समरेवो महीक्षामाकेटाव प्रजवचरणः किंविद्यामुत्तवाकः ॥

The same Book contains the following vivid picture of a huge buffalo:

रक्षमान्वधिकोडकोचनपुगः प्रोथप्रसिष्टानवः प्रोत्पूणाप्रविषाजनीपणवपुर्नीलाजनादिप्रमः ।

उत्कर्णः दृष्टुकम्परो गुक्कुरः स्पृकत्रिकोरःस्वकः सा युत्वा कमनीववाकविरभूष्णानी पुनः कातरः ॥

The she-goat, after death, was reborn as a buffalo with a fine hairy tail. His eyes were nimble and fringed with red, and the mouth firmly based on the snout. He resembled a mountain of blue collyrium with a body made fierce by the horns curved at the extremities. He had erect ears, broad shoulders, massive hooves, and fleshy breast and buttocks (Book V, p. 224).

Epitaphs on animals do not seem to occur in Kāvya poetry, and the following mournful verses on a favourite peacock and a dog, uttered

by the king on their death, belong to a type rare in Sanskrit literature.<sup>1</sup>

प्रासादमण्डनमयी रमणीयिनीदे कीटावलीपरसितासकविन्देके ।

को नाम केकिरसाकविधि वचनं नृपायुगं खनि करिष्यति कीर्तिसेने ॥

(Addressed to the peacock): 'Thou wast the oramental gem of the palace and the joy of the ladies, and gleamed like a picture on the rocks of the pleasure hill. Who will dance to the joyous clapping of hands by the damsels, since thou art dead?'

सिंहः पुनं निवसताद्वकीपकटे लोकगटनेननिवस्यतात् खलीतु ।

सखाः परेऽपि विपिने विहसन्वचानं नाकं गतोऽवमनुना वतु विश्वकम्पुः ॥

Verily this dog is gone to heaven. Let the lion now live happily on the mountain slope. Let the deer graze on the fields with zest. Let other animals, too, move about freely in the woods without fear (Book V, p. 192).

The commotion of the animals in the Siprā river, caused by the inroad of an army of fishermen, equipped with boats, nets and spears, is graphically described in the following verse :

उडुनापडवडिभमाकुलमववालीकिनीकानर्न कुलोचावविकान्तरावचकनःकानाकगर्वाभेकम् ।

प्रायःपङ्क्तिगर्दगर्भमिकहैलेयनाकं मुहुस्तजोतः कडुवीवभूव विवहाप्राहं विगाहसतः ॥

Then the rolling waters of the river became turbid ever more, with the alligators lying helpless. The young birds flew about, and the waterlilies swayed to and fro. The young water-snakes, briskly moving about on the bank, languished after running into the holes. The young turtles mingled with the buffaloes in the muddy hollows (Book V, p. 217).

### III. THE CREMATION-GROUND

One of the most elaborate and comprehensive descriptions in *Yastilaka* is that of the cremation-ground in the opening chapter, in which the sterner aspects of Nature are brought into play, and the entire description is of a kind not fully met with in Kāvya literature. The reader is at once reminded of the picture of the cremation-ground in *Mālatīmādhava*, but the aim of Bhavabhūti is to evoke horror, while that of Somadeva is to excite pity, and the verses are appropriately put in the

1 Of the commemorative inscription mentioned in Chapter V, p. 123. It has been pointed out that the preface to the *Historiae* of Orosius (417-18 A. D.) 'has a charm of its own, for it is one of the few places in ancient literature where dogs are mentioned with feeling.' In early Greek poetry we have the epitaph of Simonides on the hound Lycas whose white bones lying in the tomb are still a terror to the wild beasts. The poet refers to the mountain landscape in which the hound ran while alive. "Thy worth is well-known to tall Pelion and far-seen Ossa and the lonely peaks of Cithaeron." Fragment 142. Diehl: *Anthologia Lyrica* V, p. 113.

mouth of the Jaina sage Sudatta.<sup>1</sup> The delineation of the horrid scene is followed by the thoughts provoked by the sight of the decomposing corpse of a young woman, and specially by the contrast between her former beauty and present condition. The decaying body is described limb by limb; and while the description of the scene of desolation shows graphic power, that of the dead woman is overdone, and lapses into wearisome details, although there are some beautiful verses which recount her former charms. Some of the verses in which the cremation-ground is described are cited below:

अर्धदग्धशवलेकाकलैर्भण्डनोद्गटरदृष्टान्तरैः । कालकेलिकरकौतुकोपतैर्विशकटुभिरुपद्रुतान्तरम् ॥

इवेनकुलं घृककुलं श्रोणकुलं शकुलमण्डनानीतम् । शवपिहितप्राशवसाहिवि भुवि च समाकुलं पुरतः ॥

The place is overrun by dogs eager to devour the fragments of half-burnt bodies. They are busy fighting and loudly bark and indulge in a pastime delightful to the god of death. And in the foreground, flocks of hawks, owls and ravens, scared away by the fighting of the dogs, throng in disorder on the earth and in the sky in the hope of feeding on the flesh of the corpses (1. 13-4).

गृध्राग्रावसमांसकीकरसल्लावोत्पथाः पादपाः प्रेतोत्पान्तपतत्यतन्निपहवमावाः प्रदेसा दिशः ।

पृथे च प्रवृक्षानिष्ठाश्रयवशाच्छीर्यपिच्छलाः सर्वतः संसर्पन्ति जरत्कपोतरुचयो भूमाश्लिताचक्रजाः ॥

The trees are polluted by the oozings from the fleshy bones swallowed by the vultures, and the topmost branches are blown away by violent gales. The environs are made repulsive by the birds flocking round the dead, and on every side spreads the smoke of funeral pyres, resembling in colour age-worn doves (1. 85).

काकाभिरुद्रनिटिलेक्षणदुर्निरीक्षाः कीनाशहोमहुतवाहविरुक्षवीक्षाः ।

दाहद्रव्यश्रवणवपुःस्फुटदस्त्रिमध्वप्रारब्धशब्दकटिना दहन्नाश्लितानाम् ॥

The flames of the funeral pyres are hard to look at, like the eye on Śiva's forehead at the time of the universal fire of destruction, and present a gruesome sight, like a ceremonial fire in which oblations are offered to the god of death. They are harshly loud with the sound produced within the cracking bones of the dead bodies dissolved by the fire (1. 86).

अद्वयस्त्रीरशवशीर्णशिरोजसारः कुप्यत्कलेवरकरङ्कहतप्रचारः ।

दग्धार्धदेहसुतकाग्निमयप्रवन्धो वातः करोति ककुभोऽश्रुमगन्धवन्धाः ॥

The wind fills the regions of the sky with a noxious smell. It is laden with the falling hair of decomposing dead bodies, and checked in its onrush by the skeletons of putrid corpses, and fans the flames clinging to the halfburnt bodies of the dead (1. 88).

1 A brief description of a cremation-ground occurs in Kṣameśvara's *Caṇḍakautika* Act IV.

वायुस्त्रयेषु कृतिनां कृतमङ्गलानि वायानि मोदिजनयेवमिरगलानि ।  
वायवेव शोकवत्तवम्पुरबोदुगानि नर्दन्ति संलितवतां विसरस्त्रानि ॥

Those very musical instruments, which on festive occasions accompany, unimpeded, the songs of joyous crowds, and prove auspicious to the lucky, sound harsh when they mourn the dead, loud as they are with the wailings of kinsmen stricken with grief (1. 89).

दन्तोत्कीलितशुष्कीकसकलाकीकोदृक्तालुकाः कण्ठान्तःप्रविलम्बस्यसकलोद्गःकरसककुक्षयः ।  
प्रेतप्राणपुराणपादपपत्तपत्रप्रदुष्यद्दृष्टाः प्रभ्रान्त्यन्त्यविशङ्ककेकृतिक्षीवाः शिवाः सोढवाः ॥

The jackals roam about, full of joy and maddened by their own fearless howls. Their palates are pierced by the nail-like fragments of the dry bones stuck fast in the jaws, and their bellies quiver as they spit out pieces of bones sticking in the throat; while their eyes are troubled by the leaves falling from the age-worn trees alongside of the corpses (1. 94).

Sndatta then gives vent to his feelings at the sight of the dead body of the woman, apparently a courtesan :

वा पूर्वं क्षरकेलिचामरदधिः कर्णवत्सोत्पलकृष्टेन्दिन्द्रसुन्दरद्युतिरभूद्रण्डस्थलीमण्डनम् ।  
सेयं कुन्तलवह्वरी पितृवने वातेरिता संप्रतं भूलीभूसरिता दधाति विसरसंमार्जनीवेष्टितम् ॥

This look of hair used to adorn her cheeks and looked like a fly-whisk during the sports of love and beautifully gleamed like bees clinging to lotus ear-ornaments. Driven along by the wind and grey with dust, it now does the work of a moving broom in the cremation-ground! (1. 95).

कस्तूरिकतिलकपत्रविचित्रितभीर्घोऽभून्मृगाङ्गसमकान्तिरयं कपोलः ।  
सोऽद्यच्छब्धिं वहति वायसवालमुक्तः कोयमदीर्णतनुतुम्बकलोपमेयाम् ॥

The cheek that was gaily embellished with ornamental designs of musk paint, and gleamed like the moon, is now pecked by young crows, and looks like a gourd lacerated by disease! (1. 99).

वा कौमुदीव सरसीव मृणालिनीव लक्ष्मीरिव मिथसखीव विलासिनीव ।  
सैशैर्गुणैरजनि सा सुतनुः प्रजाता प्रेतावनीवनवशा विवशा वराकी ॥

By dint of manifold merits, the fair maid was like the light of the moon, like a pool of water, like a water-lily, like the goddess of wealth, like a beloved friend, like an elegant lady. She is now wretched and forlorn, lying helpless in the wilderness of the cremation-ground (1. 113).

वामन्तरेण जगतो विकलाः प्रयासा वामन्तरेण भववानि वनोपमानि ।  
वामन्तरेण हृतसंगति जीवितं च तस्याः प्रपश्यत जनाः क्षणमेकमङ्गम् ॥

आकृष्टं परिशुम्भितं परमितं वद्वागरोमाञ्जितैस्तसंसारमुलास्पदं वपुरभूदेवंदशागोचरम् ।  
श्रीर्यश्मिचयं पतत्यलमरं जडयधिक्रापजडं व्यस्यसंधिबलं गलजलकुलं कुम्भरजसाजालकम् ॥

Without her, the toil of the world seems to be in vain. Without her, the houses look like the woods. Without her, life loses its meaning.



Ye folks, behold her body for a moment. The source of mundane joys, her body used to be clasped, kissed and enjoyed by men thrilled with passion. But it is now reduced to such a plight. The skin is torn to shreds, the flesh is falling off, and the network of veins is loosening. The strength of the joints is gone, the bones are crumbling to pieces, and the sinews are putrescent (1. 121-122).

With the above pictures may be compared that of Amṛtamati, stricken with a fell disease after her crime. Somadeva depicts the gruesome to excite our pity.

अलिङ्गुलमिवं सूतातन्मुप्रतानविधूसरं मनसिजघनुर्जातं जीर्यसनुस्त्विति पिशानम् ।  
कुबलयवनं धत्ते दैन्यं द्वाप्तिसमाश्रयं घृणद्भरभ्रस्तस्मिन्ममभावमभूद्वपुः ॥

The hair, once dark as a swarm of bees, has turned grey as the threads of a cobweb. The eyebrows, once like Cupid's bow, resemble a dilapidated bow for cleansing cotton. The eyes, once blue lotus blossoms, look miserable, as if within grasp of a forest fire; and the body resembles a worm-eaten pillar, about to crumble<sup>1</sup> (Book V, p. 223).

#### IV. OTHER DESCRIPTIONS

Somadeva's power of portraying the terrible is illustrated in the picture of Candamārī, which looms large in the opening chapter of the work. Sound echoes the sense in the powerful description of the goddess in 1. 187.

उत्सर्पद्वर्षसर्पाकुलविकटजटाजूटविम्बद्विधूनि प्रान्तप्रेङ्गस्फपाकावलिचलनरणदण्डसद्भाङ्गकानि ।  
दैत्यध्वंसप्रमोदोद्गुरविधुतकराभोगलर्वद्विरीणि स्फाराघाताक्षिपातोष्णकुदुदधिजलान्मुदलोद्देष्टितानि ॥

The impetuous movements of the goddess are such that the waters of the ocean are splashed by the heavy impact of her feet; and the moon (on her forehead) is terrified by the horrid mass of her matted hair, entwined with madly excited serpents; while the bells of her club ring out as the human skulls, swaying at her side, move to and fro; and the mountains are laid low by her massive hands as she vehemently waves them in an outburst of joy at the destruction of the demons.

Among other descriptions may be mentioned those of the city of Ujjayinī (2. 14-29) and of king Yaśorgha (2. 31-53). There is a good description of child life in 2. 82-90, which testifies to Somadeva's accurate observation and love of children, and is all the more interesting, as such descriptions are by no means common in Kāvya literature.

अम्भो वात इति ब्रवीति पितरं चास्येति संभाषते धात्रीपूर्वनिवेदितानि च पदान्यर्चोक्तितो जल्पति ।  
शिक्षाकारविधौ प्रकुप्यति क्षतो नास्ते स्थिरोऽयं कचिद् व्याहृतो न क्षुणोति धावति पुनः प्रत्युत्थितः सत्वरम् ॥

1 Lit.: pillar crumbling owing to the accumulation of worm-holes.

The child addresses the mother as 'daddy' and the father as 'mammy'. He half utters the words first taught by the nurse. He becomes angry when an effort is made to teach him, and nowhere keeps still when held. He never listens when summoned. He slips and rises quickly and runs again (2. 90).

उद्देहं वनमेव वनं शिशवः लोकमिह न प्राप्नुते तेषां जन्म दृष्ट्वैव लोचनपथं याता न तेषां सुताः ।  
तेषामङ्गविलेपनं च नृपते पद्मोपदेहैः समं तेषां पुल्लिङ्गसूत्रात्मजराजशर्मा न वक्षःस्थले ॥

Verily the house where no children play in the courtyard is a jungle. Futile is their birth who have seen no children of their own. Beauty-paint, o king, is like a smearing of mud for those whose bosoms are not bedaubed with the dust transmitted by their children, grey with dust (2. 88).

Descriptions of female beauty, so common in Kāvya poetry, are few and far between in *Yasastilaka* owing to the very nature of the plot. We may here cite two of the verses spoken by Vāriṣeṇa, unable to forget his young wife even after he has renounced the world :

मलकवलयरम्भं मूलतानर्तकान्तं नवनयनविलासं चालाण्डस्थलं च ।  
मधुरवचनगर्भं कोरविम्बाधरायाः पुरत इव समासे तन्मुखं मे म्रियायाः ॥  
लीलाविलासविलसच्चयनोत्पलायाः स्फारस्फोरितरलितधरपल्लवायाः ।  
उत्तुङ्गपीवरपयोधरमण्डलावास्तव्या मया सह कदा ननु संगमः स्यात् ॥

The watersports of young women in the Sīprā river are described in the following verse in Book V :

अम्बरकर्णवर्तसकाः सरलितप्रान्तप्रलम्बालकाः शीर्षेत्कज्जललोचनाः परिमलद्रुण्डस्थलीचन्द्रनाः ।  
उत्कम्पस्नानमण्डलाः प्रविलसल्लीलाकवाहाकुलाः क्रीडन्ति स्य पुराङ्गनाः शिष्यतमैरासेभ्यमाना इव ॥

A graceful picture of women adorned with floral decorations occurs in the description of the summer in Book III :

विकचविचकिलालीकीर्णलोलालकानां कुरबकमुकुलसक्तारहारस्त्रीनाम् ।  
हरजरत्नकामैः पल्लवैर्भूतजातैर्नृप किमपि कथायं बोधितां शुम्भ वक्षतम् ॥

Kiss, o king, the mouths of women redolent with mango shoots with slightly hardening tips. The agile curls of their hair are studded with fullblown Vicakila blossoms, and wreaths of Kurabaka buds and radiant pearlstrings adorn their bosoms (3. 379).

A number of playful verses occurs in connection with the description of moonrise on the subject of the conventional *viraha* of young women such as are frequently found in the Mahākāvyas, and it is interesting to find that the Jaina monk proves himself an adept in dealing with such topics. The following verses contain what is known as *dūṭivākya*, but are attributed in our work, as in so many other cases, to bards attached to Yaśodhara's court.

श्रीमन्महाविक्रमिहं वसितं निवान्तमुद्यानसारिविषमकुतिलशुभ्रः ।  
आवर्तितकनकतटाकव कान्त कोपाकण्ठे च मन्दकलाः सरवाः म्रियायाः ॥

The sighs of thy beloved, o lover, are utterly like desert winds; her tears flow like a garden rivulet; and owing to her wrath her sobs are loud and shake the bosom (3. 496).

आतस्वद्विरहेण संवहरमरादत्ताः सरःसंगमे पावःक्राधविधेयं दङ्गुनमभूदेतत्तदाकर्ण्यताम् ।

दङ्गुनं मुहुरण्डजैस्त्रिमिकुलैस्तीरे स्थितं दूरतः शीर्णं शैबलिमञ्जरीभिरमितः क्षीणं क्षणाच्छाम्युजैः ॥

Listen, o brother, to the miracle of how the waters boiled when she entered the waters of the pool, suffering from grievous heat owing to her separation from thee! The birds flew off again and again; the fish kept to the shore at a distance; the offshoots of the moss were torn to shreds all around; and the lotus blossoms withered in a moment! (3. 497).

तव सुभग वियोगात् पञ्चवैरप्यहोभिर्मनसिजशरदीर्घाः श्वासचाराः सुदत्ताः ।

शरविजयपताकास्पर्धिनी वक्रकान्तिस्तनुरतनुधनुर्ध्यातानवं चातनोति ॥

Beautiful lover, in less than a week, owing to her separation from thee, the fair maid's sighs lengthened like Cupid's arrows; the complexion turned white as Cupid's triumphal banner; and the body became lean as Cupid's bowstring! (3. 498).

केदं काश्यं क च मनसिजस्कारबाणमहारः काश्यं तापः क च निरवधिर्वाप्यप्रचारः ।

केषा मूर्च्छा क च कुचपटप्रेङ्खणश्वातकल्पः कासौ लज्जा क च मृगच्छाश्चित्रमेव प्रजल्पः ॥

What a great contrast between the emaciation of the fair maid's body and the continuous hitting by Cupid's arrows! Between her heat and the unceasing flood of her tears! Between her swoon and the sighs that shake her robe! Between her bashfulness and the words uttered at random! Strange it is all! (3. 502)

बन्धुप्रार्थनतस्त्वयि दम्बुतिनिशावेशात्तया मुग्धया दत्तमधुपि पावकः कुतमिदं विन्मथरे कज्जलम् ।

कण्ठे काञ्चिगुणोऽर्पितः परिहितो हारो नितम्बस्थले केयूरं चरणे चतुर्ं निरन्तरं हस्ते च हिलीरकम् ॥

Begged by her friends (to decorate herself), the foolish girl, owing to the concentration of the night-like train of her thoughts on thee, applied red lac paint to the eyes and collyrium to the ruddy lips;<sup>1</sup> wore the girdle round the neck and the neck-lace on the hips; and fastened the bracelets to the feet and the anklets to the hands! (3. 503).

कामस्यैतत्परमिह रहो बन्धनः प्रातिकूल्यं तस्मादेव उच्यते नितरामङ्गमाधुर्यहेतुः ।

कामं कान्तास्तदनु रसिकाः प्रीतये कस्य न स्फुल्लमास्तादः क इव हि सखे वा न पक्का मृगाव्यः ॥

Love's great secret it is on earth: it blazes up on account of disappointment of hopes, lending grace to women's physical charms. Fair women then become subject to intense passion, and who would not delight in them? 'What is their flavour like, o friend?' 'They are just tender water-lilies!' (3. 506).

1 Red paint is applied to the lips and collyrium to the eyes.

## VI. DIDACTIC VERSES

As in other Kāvya works, didactic verses are interspersed in *Yasastilaka*, and occasionally contain balanced expression of the wisdom of life and bring into relief human traits with remarkable fidelity and insight. The specimens cited here are classified according to the subject dealt with by them.

## THE GODDESS OF WEALTH

साम्राज्यजगन्निभिरभूत् सोदरः कालकूटः कृष्णे यस्याः प्रणयपरता पङ्कजादे रतिम् ।  
कदम्बाकुल्याः सकलदुपसिखंरिणीदृष्टिमाजः कः प्रेमान्धो भवतु हृतबीर्लोकविप्लाविकायाः ॥

What wise man will blindly fall in love with the subversive goddess of wealth, a harlot kept by all the kings? The Ocean ('the abode of waters', also 'the abode of folly') is her father, and the Kālakūṭa poison her brother. She loves Kṛṣṇa, the Black, and is fond of the mud-born lotus (2. 160).<sup>1</sup>

असह्योकातुरोयेन सह्योकोपेक्षणेन च । ज्वालसौकान्तराकाङ्क्षी कुङ्कुमाक्षमा रमा ॥

The goddess of wealth is helpless, like a hind placed between a wild elephant on one side and a mountain on the other, because she favours the wicked and neglects the good (3. 177).

## TRANSIENT CHARACTER OF LIFE AND ITS JOYS

मायासागराज्यवर्धः कविजनवन्दनार्थिमाधुर्ययुग्धः स्वमातैर्यक्षोमाः कुहकनयनवारामरम्योत्तराभाः ।  
पर्जन्यागारसारास्त्रिदिवपतिचतुर्वन्धुराश्च स्वभावादाहुकां वयस्यकल्पस्यस्यदपि जगदिदं विप्रमनैव सकम् ॥

It is strange that the world is attached to life, beauty and wealth. They are but magnificent as a phantom empire, supremely sweet as the words of poets, beautiful as treasure obtained in dreams, charmingly resplendent like a magic garden, lovely as a mansion of clouds, and, by nature, delightful only as a rainbow (1. 124).

मायारामसमा रमा सुखमिदं दुःखावलेखोन्मुखं स्वमालोकनयः सुहृत्परिचयः कामः कृतान्ते हिता ।

उत्साहोऽपि च देहमेहविषयो यः सोऽप्यनिलोदयलक्ष्मणाकोकमिलुसचित्तमसां पुंसां भवेदुत्सवः ॥

Prosperity is like a magic garden, and pleasure is liable to be marred by pain. Friendship is like the vision of a dream, and a beloved woman is but an aid to Death. Even the zeal for the mansion of the body has merely transient results. Joy is for those who have destroyed the darkness of their minds with the light of the Truth (Book V).

## PROPER USE OF WEALTH

कञ्जा अपि श्रियो नास्ति पुंसां भोक्तृमजानताम् । अवदाः कुञ्जरेन्द्राणां पुलाका इव हस्तगाः ॥

Riches, even though acquired by men who know not how to enjoy them, are lost for ever, like the loose grains of boiled rice seized by mighty elephants with their trunks (3. 78).

1 The reference is to the legend of Lakṣmī emerging during the churning of the ocean. *Jadanidhi* is purposely used for *jalanidhi*. Kṛṣṇa stands for Viṣṇu, the consort of Lakṣmī. Somadeva rarely uses such devices in his verse.

## THE CURSE OF DEPENDENCE

सर्वं दूरे विहरति समं साधुभावेन पुंसां धर्मभित्ताय सह कष्टया याति देशान्तराणि ।  
 पार्थ क्षापादिषु च तनुते नीचवृत्तेन सार्धं सेवावृत्तेः परमिह परं पातकं नास्ति किञ्चिद् ॥  
 सौजन्यमैत्रीकरुणामणीनां ध्ययं न चेन्मुखजनः करोति ।  
 फलं महीसादृषि नैव तस्य यतोऽर्थमेवार्थनिमित्तमाहुः ॥

No greater sin is there on earth than earning one's livelihood by serving others. Truth with honesty wanders far away from such men, and piety with compassion departs elsewhere from their hearts; while their sin increases with meanness, as if under a curse. Unless the servants of a king barter away the gems of courtesy, good will and kindness, they are never rewarded by him, for, as is said, money alone begets money<sup>1</sup> (1. 180-181).

## THE USE OF POETS

राजश्लेषविषयातिशयप्रसूतौ येषां महाकविकृतौ न मनीषितानि ।  
 तेषां श्रुती च रसनां च मनश्च मन्ये वाग्देवताबिहितज्ञापमिवेश्वराणाम् ॥

Sire, Sarasvati's curse, I ween, is on the ears, tongues and minds of those kings, who evince no desire for the works of great poets, which create supreme beauty in an infinite range of themes (3. 275).

## ELOQUENCE

यथास्त्ररहिते पुंसि वृथा शौर्यपरिग्रहः । तथोपन्यासहीनस्य वृथा शास्त्रपरिग्रहः ॥  
 स्फुरन्त्यपि मनःसिन्धौ शास्त्रज्ञान्यनेकशः । वचोरुणबिहीनानि भूषयन्ति न सन्मनः ॥  
 विद्यानां स्फुरितं भीलैः स्त्रीणां लावण्यवद्बहिः । अन्तर्भवतु वा मा वा किं विचारैरतीन्द्रियैः ॥

The bravery of a person without weapons is useless; just so the mastery of the Śāstras is futile in the case of a person without eloquence. The gems of learning may flash in plenty in the ocean of one's mind, but, without eloquence, they can never edify the minds of the wise. Like the beauty of women, the outward manifestation of learning causes delight. The inner existence of either matters little. What is the use of investigating things beyond the range of the senses? (3. 372-78).

## FIVE GREAT SINS

स्वामिद्रोहः स्त्रीवधो बालहिंसा विश्वस्तानां वातनं लिङ्गभेदः ।  
 प्रायेणैतत्पञ्चकं पातकानां कुर्यात् सद्यः प्राणिनः प्राप्तदुःखान् ॥

Hostility to one's master, killing a woman, injury to children, killing those who have been assured of safety, and divulgence of secrets: these five sins nearly always bring swift misery to sentient beings (Book V).

## THE RAISON D'ÊTRE OF AHIMSA

यत्परत्र करोतीह सुखं वा दुःखमेव वा । दृढये धनवदन्तं स्वस्य तज्जायतेऽधिकम् ॥

1 The idea seems to be that unless the employees of a king bring him money by fair means or foul, they are never rewarded by him.

The pleasure or pain which a man causes to others in this life is like money lent on interest: it becomes his in a greater measure (Book VII, section 24).

#### VALUE OF DIRECTING POWER

स्वयं विषमरूपोऽपि संघातः कार्यकुशले । अधिष्ठातुः प्रयत्नेन यथा हस्तोऽसमाकुलिः ॥

Like the hand which has unequal fingers, a combination of things, although composed of unequal elements, proves effective by dint of the master's effort (3. 120).

#### VALUE OF CO-OPERATION

असहायः समर्थोऽपि न जानु हितसिद्धये । वह्निर्वातविहीनो हि नुसत्यापि न दीपकः ॥

Even an able man can never do any good without the help of others. Fire, without air, cannot burn even chaff (3. 228).

#### THE PROPER ATTITUDE TOWARDS ENEMIES

अनुनयत वदत मधुरं वत्कार्यं तदपि मानसे कुरुत । रौति कलं हि मयूरः सखिं च भजङ्गमं दहति ॥

मूर्ध्ना वहति लोकोऽयं यथा दग्धुमिहेन्धनम् । अनुशील्य क्षयं नेयस्तथारतिर्महात्मना ॥

प्रायः सरकचित्तानां जायते विषदागमः । ऋजुर्याति यथा छेदं न वक्रः पादपस्तथा ॥

Conciliate thy enemy and speak to him sweet words, but at the same time carry out what thou hast planned in thy mind. The peacock sings sweetly, but feeds on venomous serpents. Just as fire-wood is carried by men on their heads in order to burn it, similarly, in the world, a high-spirited person should first conciliate an enemy and then destroy him. It is, as a rule, straightforward people who fall into danger. It is not possible to cut a crooked tree with the same ease as a straight one (Book IV).

#### VALUE OF REPORT

अनुषेऽपि बुधोद्गारे प्राज्ञानुज्ञा विजृम्भते । संस्कृतुः कौशलादेति वतः काचोऽपि रत्नवाक् ॥

वात्मनि विवेकविक्रः प्रसिद्धिमात्रेण रज्यते सकलः । कैरव इव कमलेऽपि हि न श्रीः पूज्यं तथाप्यलम् ॥

Even if a fool is called wise by all, the wise concur therein. Even glass becomes jewel owing to the craftsman's skill. All men, lacking in discernment, like a thing, simply because it is reported to be good. The goddess of wealth abides neither in the day-lotus nor in the night-lotus; yet the day-lotus is honoured (because it is said to be her abode) (3. 181-82).

#### A SECRET OF SUCCESS

कार्यार्थिनो हि लोकस्य किमन्याचारचिन्तया । दुग्धार्थी कः पुमाश्चाम गवाचारं विचारयेत् ॥

It is useless for people who seek to gain their ends to study the ways of others. Who ever investigates the ways of cows in need of milk? (3. 231).

#### WHAT IS NOT PROFITABLE TO PHYSICIANS AND MINISTERS

यौ स्वास्थ्याय समीहेते व्याधितस्य वृषस्य च । स्वार्थसिद्धिनिरोद्धारौ जिगृषिहू तौ वैद्यमन्त्रिणौ ॥

Fit, fit on the physician and the minister who strive for the health and well-being of a patient and a king respectively, since they thereby stand in the way of their own profit! (3. 187).

#### THE RIGHT THING IN THE RIGHT PLACE

तेजस्वेयस्त्रिणां स्थाने हतं हतिकरं भवेत् । कराः सूर्याश्चमयन्तः किं स्फुरन्ति हवाश्मनि ॥

The might of the mighty produces happy results when exerted in the proper place. The rays of the sun do not flash on gravel as they do on sunstones (3. 178).

#### THE USE OF OPPORTUNITIES

अज्ञानभावादथवा प्रमादादुपेक्षणाद्व्यायवभाजि कार्ये । पुंसः प्रयासो विकलः समस्तो गतोदके कः सङ्गु सेतुवन्धः ॥

All one's efforts are useless, once an opportunity is lost owing to ignorance or error or negligence. What is the use of a bridge after a flood has subsided? (Book IV).

#### ENDURANCE

मार्दवाधिकतरं कलधौतं तापताडनसहं च निसर्गात् । एवमेव वयुरुत्तमपुंसां संपदां च विपदां च सहिष्णु ॥

Gold is extremely soft, and yet, by nature, capable of bearing heat and pounding. Likewise, the bodies of the ablest men are capable of enduring privation as well as ease (Book V).

#### CHARACTERISTICS OF YOUTH

यस्मिन् रजः प्रसरति स्तलितादिवोचैरान्ध्यादिव प्रबलता समसम्प्रकाशः ।

सर्वं तिरोभवति भीतमिवाङ्गजामेस्तथैव न विनयः सज्जनसंगमेन ॥

In youth ill-fame spreads far and wide as if from sin; deep-rooted ignorance reigns as if from blindness; and patience vanishes as if frightened by Cupid's fire. Control thy youth by association with the good (2. 161).

#### A THIEF SUSPECTS ALL

आत्मनीव परश्रपि प्रायः संभावना जने । यदस्तेनादपि स्तेनः स्वदोषात् परिकङ्कते ॥

People, as a rule, suppose others to be just like themselves. A thief, on account of his own wickedness, suspects another, even though he is not a thief (3. 121).

#### CONJUGAL FIDELITY IS RARE

सुरतरङ्गं पुंसां यदि भवति स्वासु देव योषासु । किमिति श्रीरतिमन्दो गोविन्दो बल्लवीलोकः ॥

Sire, if the inmost eortie desires of men were confined to their own wives, why should Kṛṣṇa, averse to Lakṣmī's love, run after cowherd maids? (3. 204).

#### ADVICE TO OTHERS

विचक्षणः किं नु परोपदेशो न स्वस्य कार्ये सकलोल्लेखः । नेत्रं हि दूरेऽपि निरीक्षमाणमात्मावलोके स्वसमर्थमेव ॥



All men are expert in giving advice to others, but not in doing their allotted work. The eye can see even distant objects, but not itself (Book IV).

## FATAL TEMPTATION

किं नास्ति पलं सलिले येन तिभिः सारो गलाहारे । प्रायेण हि देहभृतां तन्नासक्तिर्यतो मृत्युः ॥

Is there no other food in the waters that a fish eagerly swallows the bait? Creatures are, as a rule, attached to objects that cause their death (3. 231).

## FORCE OF ASSOCIATION

पूज्यमक्षं शिवः सङ्गाज्येष्ठायाश्च न कैरवम् । प्रायो जनेऽन्यसंसर्गाद्गुणिता दोषितापि च ॥

The day lotus is esteemed for its association with the goddess of wealth, but not the night lotus for its association with the goddess Jyēṣṭhā<sup>1</sup>. Merit and blemish among men depend invariably upon the company they keep (8. 118).

संसर्गेण गुणा अपि भवन्ति दोषास्तद्वृत्तं नैव । स्थितमधरे रमणीनाममृतं चेतांसि कलुषयति ॥

It is not strange that even merits turn into blemishes owing to the force of association. The nectar that is in women's lips corrupts the hearts of men (1. 79).

## REASON

इदं युक्तिं यदेवान्न तदेव परमार्थसत् । यद्भानुदीप्तिवत्तस्याः पञ्चपातोऽस्ति न कश्चित् ॥

Whatever in this world conforms to Reason is really true, for, like the rays of the sun, Reason is partial to none (Book VI, p. 270).

## VII. ATTACKS ON WOMEN

Numerous attacks on women occur in *Yasastilaka* in prose and verse, and this is explained partly by the very nature of the plot and partly by the fact that such attacks are frequent in Jaina literature owing to the stress laid on asceticism and abstention from pleasures. Attacks in verse occur in works like Guṇabhadra's *Ātmānuśāsana*, Śubhacandra's *Jñānārṇava*, Amitagati's *Subhāṣitaratnasamdoha* (both censure and praise), and in Hemacandra's commentary on his *Yogasāstra* 2. 105. A notable instance of such attacks in Jaina canonical literature is found in Tapdula-Veyāliya, one of the *Pañṇas*, wherein women are decried in prose and verse. It should, however, be noted that the character of women is sometimes painted in dark colours in non-Jaina works as well, for example, in the *Mahābhārata* (*Anuśāsanaparva*, chap. 38).

1 For Jyēṣṭhā see Chap. XV.

Specimens of Somadeva's deprecatory verses on women are cited below<sup>1</sup>:

वीर्यं साक्षाद्विषं स्त्री न सर्वेभ्यस्ति ये मनः । तदुह एव लोको हि रक्षते नक्षतां गतः ॥  
Verily there is poison in the eyes of women, I ween, and not in the eyes of serpents. Men, indeed, are seen to be reduced to 'ashes' as soon as they are looked at by women (Book IV).

देवैर्मनुजैश्च राक्षसेषां नितर्गतो गूढतरप्रचारा । ईदृक्त्वा ज्ञातुमिच्छन्वा वा न शक्नते स्त्रीजनचित्तवृत्तिः ॥  
Neither gods nor men nor demons are able to ascertain or fathom the naturally inscrutable working of a woman's mind. Ibid.

अयोच्छिन्नपद्मा मण्डूकयो लोकविप्रबहेतवः । तथा स्त्रियः स्वभावेन मर्त्यजन्ततत्पराः ॥  
Just as crested tadpoles bring calamity to men, similarly women, by nature, set themselves to cause disaster to their husbands. Ibid.

The irresistible temptation offered by women and the bewildering effect of their charms are emphasized in the following verses:

श्रीणक्षयोभिः क्षपितः प्रवासेर्विभ्यापितः साधु समाचितोयैः ।  
तथापि चित्रं उवळति स्यराग्निः कान्दाजनापाङ्गविकोकनेन ॥  
The fire of passion is weakened by austerities, attenuated by travelling, and effectively quenched by the waters of meditation. Yet, strange it is, it flares up at the sight of women's glances (1. 72).

तावत्तपो अपुत्रि चेत्तसि तत्त्वचिन्ता कामं हृषीकविषये परमः शमश्च ।  
वाचक पश्यति मुक्तं मृगलोचनानां शृङ्गारवृत्तिमिन्द्राहतकामसूत्रम् ॥  
The body undergoes austerities, and the mind meditates on the Truth, and perfect calm prevails over the senses, only so long as a man does not behold the visage of fair women, which, by its amorous play, illustrates the lessons of the science of love (1. 73).

ओत्रं श्रुतो हरति वीक्षणमीक्ष्यमाणञ्चितं स्मृतः कृतसमागतिरङ्गकान्ति ।  
प्राणान् पुनः प्रणयवान् विद्युतो रतिं च लोके तथापि वलितोजन एव यतः ॥  
Women, when heard of, deprive one of the faculty of hearing. Looked at, they deprive one of the power of seeing. Remembered, they captivate the mind; and embraced, they disable the limbs. When in love, they take away one's life; and when separated, they take away one's joy. Yet women are the goal of all efforts in the world (1. 74).

1 Somadeva's reasoned views on the subject present an entirely different picture. See Chap. V. Misogynistic traits appear also in other literatures of a bygone age, and have been inspired by different motives. In Italian Renaissance literature, for instance, 'the current abuse of women, in which Petrarch no less than Alberti and Boccaccio indulged, seems to have been a scholastic survival of the coarse and ignorant literature of the medieval clergy'. Symonds: *Renaissance in Italy*, Vol. IV, p. 184 (1937 ed.).

साधुरागो यन्वासावद् स्थाप्यावधीरतं चेतः । बाधश्च मनसि यन्नितादृष्टिर्विषं विनसति पुत्रबाणाद् ॥

Teachers are obeyed, and the mind is prone to study, only so long as the poison of women's glances does not enter into the hearts of men (1. 76).

सावद् अथर्वणविषयस्तावद् परलोकचिन्तनोपायः । बाधस्तद्विषयिजनमहतदुःखो न प्रजायेत ॥

The scriptures maintain their jurisdiction, and it is possible to ponder on the other world, only so long as a man's heart is not enthralled by a maiden's charms (1. 7).

### VIII. METRES

No attempt is made here to analyse the metres used by Somadeva in his verses. He uses, as a rule, the ordinary metres employed in Kāvya poetry, and it will be sufficient to point out a few special features, the most notable of which is the adaptation of certain Prākṛit metres to the requirements of Sanskrit poetry.

Duval or Dvipadī is a Prākṛit metre, of which each foot consists of one *gaṇa* of six *mātrās*, five *gaṇas* of four *mātrās*, and one long syllable at the end; the second and sixth *gaṇas* may be *gurumadhya* (—) or *sarvalaghu* (—). The metre is frequently used in Apabhramśa poetry, and Somadeva employs it in several verses of *Yasastilaka* (1. 167, 169; 3. 9, 17, 18, 313, etc). For example,

पूर्वं सरसरजरेलाकृतिरधररुचिस्तो रविस्तानु च घुसृणविण्डल्लण्डघुतिरञ्जयच्छविलतः ।

पुनरयमस्मरन्नुहुरश्रीरुचयति रागनिर्भरैः कुर्वन् ककुभि ककुभि बन्धुकमयीमिव सृष्टिमंजुभिः ॥ 3. 17

शतमलधामहेमकुम्भाकृतिरिन्द्रसमुद्रविभुमलम्बस्तिमितकान्तिरहस्तसवसमयमुवर्णदर्पणः ।

वदयति रविद्वारहरिरोहणरुचिरुत्तरेः करैर्विगदयितामुक्तानि पिञ्जरयन्त्रणितजलधिमण्डलः ॥ 3. 18

सुरगिरिरमरसिन्धुरम्भोनिधिर्वनिरनूहवारधिः कनिपतिरकृतरोचिरमराञ्च दिशो दृष्ट बाधदम्बरम् ।

सावदशेषमुवनचिन्तामणिचरित परं महोत्सवैस्सवचरितचन्द्र जय जीव विराज चिरात् नन्द च ॥ 1. 167

शतमल दहन काल गुह वरुण समीरण धनद चन्द्रमः प्रथितैकैककुम्भिविभवास्तदिमानवत प्रयत्नतः ।

इत्युपदेष्टुकाम इव हस्तमुत्पन्नति विनति वारणो नो चेदिमविहीनरचना भवतां भविता पताकिनी ॥ 3. 313

It is certain that Somadeva is not the first writer to employ the Duval metre in Sanskrit verse. The following verse occurring in *Dasabhakti*, a collection of Jaina devotional compositions in Prākṛit and Sanskrit, is, for instance, composed in the Duval metre; and the Sanskrit *Bhaktis*, it should be noted, are attributed to Pūjyapāda.

आतिजरोरोगमरणातुरशोकसहस्रदीपिताः दुःसहगरकपतनसेतकविषः प्रतिबुद्धचेतसः ।

जीवितमभ्युविन्दुचपलं तद्विद्वन्ममा विभूतयः सकलमिदं विचिन्त्य युनयः प्रसमाय वनान्तमाश्रिताः ॥

The Dvipadī or Duvalī, or Doai, as it is also called in the *Prākṛta Paingala*, is, properly speaking, a metre with two *pādas*, and appears as such in

Apabhramśa works; but the Prākṛit example of Dvipadī given in Hemacandra's *Chandonuśāsana* contains four feet; and the combined definition and example of the metre in the *Prākṛta Paingala*, although apparently given in two verses of two feet each (1. 152, 153), is taken by some to represent one verse of four feet.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva's Sanskrit verses in the Dvipadī metre consist of four feet.

Mayaṇāvayāra or Madanāvātāra<sup>2</sup> is another Prākṛit metre used by Somadeva in a group of lyrical verses, in Book V, which describe the Karahāṭa country. Each foot of this metre consists of four *gaṇas* of five *mātrās*, as pointed out by Hemacandra in his *Chandonuśāsana*, Chap. 4. Nanditāḍhya in his *Gāthālakṣaṇa*<sup>3</sup> calls the metre Camdāṇapa. The verses in question are cited below (p. 162):

सखसंपत्तिसंक्षिप्तसीमाभुवः	प्रचुरपथिकप्रियापणितपथिवस्वः ।
सखवापीप्रपारामरभोदवाः	पथिनीलण्डताण्डविततोयाशवाः ।
श्रीशिकासोत्सवस्सहितपुरसमितयः	कुलकलपल्लवोलासिवनवृत्तयः ।
निकटभूतमनोहारिसर्पतैवः	सकलसंसारसुखसेवितागन्तवः ।
समरभरमानिभटभावबाधोत्कटाः	खेलदुग्धद्वयोस्त्राततटिनीतटाः ।
त्यागभोगप्रभावाद्भुतकथातयः	शुद्धवर्णभ्रमाचरितविगतेतयः ।
प्रवणक्षरणमालोद्धरणकुलकीर्तयः	सन्निधमोर्धकामेषु समनीतयः ।
सुकृतफलभूमयो ग्रामविनिवेशिकाः	कामितावाहिविजितामरोद्देशकाः ॥

Prākṛit metres are also used in the three lyrical panegyrics, two in honour of king Māradatta in Book I (verses 175-212) and one in honour of the Arhat in Book VIII, section 37, consisting of 28 verses. Somadeva's scheme consists of an opening verse or verses in Āryā metre which he calls Varṇa; one verse in Mātrā<sup>4</sup> metre consisting of one line of 41 *mātrās* and

1 'इदं च कृतं द्विपादमेव न चतुष्पादं, उदाहरणानुरोधादिति केचित् । अन्ये तु यदीदं द्विपादमेव तर्हि लक्षणं पादचतुष्टयेन कथं कृतमिति इदं चतुष्पादमेव, न चोदाहरणविरोधस्तस्य चरणद्वयेनापि संभवाद' । See Comm. on verse 154 in *Prākṛit Paingala* (B. I.).

2 It will be seen that each verse has four feet and each foot twenty *mātrās*. Somadeva seems to follow Apabhramśa models. The metre is known also as Kāminimohana and occurs in the Apabhramśa poem *Samdeśarāsaka* (verses 82, 83, 85). For example, वयं निमुनेषु मणमत्सरवट्टिया, मयउसरमुक्कं णं हरिणि उत्तट्टिया । मुक्कं दीउन् न् नीसास उससंतिया, पट्टिय इय गाह निवण-यणि वरसंतिया ॥ 83. The metre is discussed by Bhayani in his Introduction to the poem, p. 58, Singhi Jain Series, Bombay 1945. *Samdeśarāsaka* has been attributed to the twelfth century A. D.

3 Edited by Prof. Velankar in *ABORI*, Vol. XIV, pp. 1-38.

4 There are five feet, and Somadeva's scheme is 15+11+15+12+15. The Mātrā is an Apabhramśa metre and employed in *Samdeśarāsaka* (verses 18, 19, 24, 25 etc.). In Apabhramśa poetry a Mātrā verse is often followed by a Dohā, and the whole is called Raddā. The *Prākṛta Paingala* describes seven varieties of Raddā, that is,

another of 27; one or more verses with four feet of sixteen *mātrās* each, called by him *Catūṣpadī*; several verses in *Paddhatikā* or *Pajjhaṭikā* metre consisting of four feet of sixteen *mātrās* each, and each foot rhyming with the other and ending with a *ja-gaṇa* (---) or sometimes four *laghus*; and a concluding verse called *Ghattā*. It may be noted that the *Pajjhaṭikā* is a popular metre in *Apabhraṃśa* poetry. It is, for instance, the prevailing metre of *Karakaṇḍacariu* of Kanakāmara; while it has been pointed out that of the three hundred and fifty-four *Kaḍavakas* (verse-groups) in *Dhanapāla's Bhavisayattakahā*, almost all with the exception of about seventeen are either in *Pajjhaṭikā* or in *Alillaha* metre, which is really a variety of *Pajjhaṭikā*.<sup>1</sup> As regards the *Ghattā* verse, in all narrative poems in *Apabhraṃśa* the concluding couplet of a *Kaḍavaka* is almost always called *Ghattā*. Piṅgala recognises a *Ghattā* metre of 62 *mātrās* (31+31), and Śrutasāgara says in his commentary on 1. 212 that there are twentyseven varieties of *Ghattā*, and it may consist of 60 *mātrās* and sometimes of 62 *mātrās*. Of the three *Ghattās* in our work, two (1. 187 and 8. 37) consist of 60 *mātrās*, and in each half the first two sections of 10 and 8 *mātrās* each have a caesura and rhyme with each other, so that each half of 30 *mātrās* corresponds to a *pāda* of the *Caupaiā* described and illustrated in *Prākṛta Paṅgala* (1. 97 and 98). The remaining *Ghattā* (1. 212) is a two-foot *Dvipadī* with 28 *mātrās* (6+4+4+4 4+6) in each half.<sup>2</sup> A reference to *Apabhraṃśa* poetry shows that a variety of metres may be used for the *Ghattā* verse.

As regards Somadeva's scheme of arrangement, it seems to be based on *Prākṛit* models. An arrangement, similar to his is, for instance,

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of *Mātrā*; and the composition of some of these resembles that of Somadeva's verse. For instance, the scheme of the *Cāruṣeṇī* variety is 15+11+15+11+15; that of *Bhadra* is 15+12+15+12+15; and that of *Rājasenā* is 15+12+15+11+15. Somadeva's scheme represents a slight variation of the *Rājasenā* variety in respect of the number of *mātrās* in the second and fourth *pādas*, the total number of *mātrās* (68) being the same. The following example of the metre is from *Samdeśarāsaka* (verse 25): फुल्ल लोयण इव दुक्खत्त, भस्मिल्लमुक्खसुह, विज्जमह अरु अंगु मोहह । विरहानलि संतविज, ससह दीह करसाह तोहह ॥ This is followed by two lines of *Dohā*. The scheme followed here is 15+11+15+11+15 corresponding to the *Cāruṣeṇī* of *Prākṛta Paṅgala*. The *Rājasenā* scheme of 15+12+15+11+15 is also found in *Samdeśarāsaka*, as pointed out by Bhayani (op. cit.), p. 67. The *Mātrā* is believed to be a very old *Apabhraṃśa* metre, as it was known to Virahāṅka (*Vṛttajātisamuccaya*, JBBRAS, 1929, p. 87) who describes four different varieties of it, *Cāruṣeṇī*, *Rāhusenī* etc. See Velankar: *Apabhraṃśa Metres*, *Journal of the University of Bombay*, November 1933, p. 50.

1 See Introduction to Gune's edition in G. O. S., p. 28.

2 See first definition of *Dvipadī* in *Prākṛta-Paṅgala*.

found at the beginning of Dhavala's *Harivaṃśapurāṇa* composed in Apabhraṃśa verse, as can be seen from the extracts from that work given in Hiralal's *Catalogue of Sanskrit and Prākṛit Manuscripts in C. P. and Berar* (pp. 716 and 763). We have here a group of eulogistic verses beginning with a Vāṇī (i. e. Vārṇa I. 188-90) followed by a Mātrā (I. 191) and other verses (*Catūṣpadī* I. 192, *Paddhatikā* I. 193, 210-11) ending with a Ghaṭṭā (I. 212). One of the panegyrics addressed to Māradatta is reproduced below to illustrate the above scheme of arrangement followed by Somadeva. As we have already pointed out (see Chap. I), there was a considerable output of Apabhraṃśa poetry in and before Somadeva's time; and he has clearly borrowed Apabhraṃśa metres and applied them to Sanskrit verse for the sake of novelty.

वर्णः ॥ लक्ष्मीरामानङ्गः सपत्न्यकुलकालविक्रमोत्तमः । कीर्तिविलासतमङ्गः प्रतापरङ्गश्चिरं जयतु ॥  
 उत्सारितारिसर्पः शरणागतनृपतिचित्तसंतर्पः । लक्ष्मीललामकूर्पस्तपतु चिरं नृपतिकन्दर्पः ॥  
 भुवनान्नसरस्तरणिर्धर्माश्रुतहरणिरुदयतरुधरणिः । श्रीरमणीरतिसरणिर्मण्डलिकशिखामणिर्जीयाद् ॥  
 माया ॥ कुवलयोत्सवचन्द्र नृपतीन्द्र लक्ष्मीधर कीर्तिसरदमृतवृष्टिप्लवितबुधवन ।  
 आभुवनमभिमानधन धर्मसदन जय विहितसद्वन ॥  
 चतुष्पदी ॥ नृप महति भवति किञ्चिद्विरापि वक्तुं गुणमस्विलं नोत्तरामि ।  
 दीप्तिर्धुमणेरवनीश यत्र का शक्तिः काचमणेर्हि तत्र ॥  
 पद्धतिका ॥ जय लक्ष्मीकरकमलातपत्र सारस्वतरसनिष्यन्दपात्र ।  
 धर्मार्थकामसमवृत्तचित्त तीर्थार्थिमनोरथवर्तिवित्त ॥  
 केरलमहिलामुखकमलहंस वङ्गीवनिताधवणावतंस ।  
 चोलस्त्रीकुचकुञ्जालविनोद पल्लवरमणीकृतविरहखेद ॥  
 कुन्तलकान्तालकभङ्गनिरत मलयज्जनाङ्गनखदाननिरत ।  
 वनवासियोषिदीक्ष्णविमुग्ध कर्णाटयुवतिकैतवविदग्ध ।  
 कुरुजाङ्गलललनाकुचतनुग्र कम्बोजपुरन्ध्रीतिलकपत्र ॥  
 घटा ॥ नृपनृपतीश्वर भूरमणीश्वर यदिदमस्विलगुणसंभव ।  
 उक्तं किञ्चित्स्त्वस्तुतिकृतिचित्तचित्रं न महोदय ॥

Among comparatively rare Sanskrit metres employed by Somadeva may be mentioned the *Mattebhavikṛīḍita* used in 2.229. The metre of the following verse (1. 127) is uncertain.

न दैन्याद् प्राणानां न च हृदयहरिणस्य रतये न दर्पादङ्गानां न च करणकरिणोऽस्य मदनात् ।  
 विधावृत्तिः किं तु क्षतमदनचरितश्रुतविधेः परे हेतौ मुक्तेरिह मुनिषु न खलु स्थितिरियम् ॥

The verse is composed in a metre corresponding to the *Kṛīḍā* metre described by Hemacandra in his *Chandonuśāsana*, chap. 2, but in that metre the 12th and 13th syllables are heavy, whereas they are light in Somadeva's verse.

## IX ARDHASAMASYĀ AND NĀNDĪ VERSES

An interesting example of an Ardhasamasyā verse, of which the first half is spoken by a court poet and the other half by the king, occurs in the description of sunrise in Book III.

अर्धकाव्यकविः—

अरुणकिरणमण्डे विद्रुमस्तम्बविम्बः क्षितिप किमिव क्षोभां भावुरस्यन् विभर्ति ।

राजा—

बुध बुधि मम शत्रोः क्षोणितापूरितायां प्रतरदुपरि कोपात् पाटलं बह्वदासम् ॥ 3. 19

(The poet): "Sire, the Sun with its coral orb rises amid crimson rays. What is its lustre like?" (The king): "Wise one, it resembles my own face, red with fury, emerging above the battlefield overflowing with the foeman's blood." Other examples of Ardhasamasyā verses are found in later Kāvya literature. There is, for instance, a series of them in *Naiṣadha-carita* 4. 102-9 and in Utprekṣāvallabha's *Bhikṣū-tana Kāvya* (Paddhati 9).

Nāndī verses are imitated in 3. 122-124. As explained in the *Nāṭyaśāstra* 5. 109 ff., Nāndī consists of one or more benedictory verses recited by the stage-manager before the commencement of a dramatic performance; and a Nāndī verse may contain eight or twelve *padas* or phrases (*avāntara-vākyas*, according to Abhinavagupta). In certain satirical verses on ministers of kings, attributed to a poet named Taruṇilīlāvilāsa, the evil ways of a minister are represented as a drama, and three appropriate Nāndī verses are added as a prelude.

तत्र तावत्तृणीलीलविलासस्य—

नमो दुर्मन्त्रिणे तस्मै नृपाक्षिपमहाहय । यद्वशात्तार्थिसंप्राप्त्यैस्तच्छायाश्रमविभ्रमः ॥

अष्टपदा नान्दी ।

यस्य शिष्टघटोच्छेदि मग्नसूत्रं विजृम्भते । सांपासपाचिने तस्मै नमो दुर्मन्त्रिचक्रिणे ॥

इयं च ।

और्वायापूर्वैरूपाय तस्य दुर्मन्त्रिणे नमः । अजडा अपि शोष्यन्ते येन पत्युः श्रियः पराः ॥

इयं च द्वादशपदा । ततश्च—

चञ्चापञ्जनाकृतिः क्षितिपतिर्यन्नामवकायकः...तदुर्मन्त्रिदुरीहितं विजयते सूक्तोत्कटं नाटकम् ॥

## X. STYLE

As we have already remarked, Somadeva employs in his verse a simpler and more lucid style than in his prose; and his poetry is, on the whole, free from the intricate and involved ideas and expressions that characterise his prose. He tells us in one of the opening verses of his romance (1. 27) that neither Vakrokti (ornate speech) nor Svabhāvokti (natural expression) alone pleases the wise who delight in a combination



of both; and this may be taken as a fair description of the principle underlying his own poetical style. Yet it should be remembered that Somadeva liberally uses the resources of the Kāvya style, and his verses are sometimes marked by the complexities and conventionalism associated with that style.

A few examples will suffice to illustrate the artificial conceits occasionally employed by Somadeva. In 1. 168 a king is told that his Fame, although it is an old eunuch, goes up to enjoy the starry Heaven, after enjoying all the Regions of the sky ('fame' being neuter and 'heaven' and 'regions' feminine in Sanskrit)<sup>1</sup>. The description of battle scenes in 3. 438 ff. is full of far-fetched and exaggerated conceits, and the picture of 'the violent battle' in 3. 436 is made unreal by the poet's anxiety to compare it to the rainy season. An instance of how an otherwise beautiful verse is spoilt by an artificial conceit is provided by the following description of a young woman, which ends by figuring her as an enclosure for capturing Cupid, the elephant (Book VII, section 31):

एषेन्द्रियद्रुमसमुल्लसनाम्बुवृष्टिरेवा मनोमृगविनोदविहारभूमिः ।

एषा स्मरद्विरदबन्धनवारिवृत्तिः किं खेचरी किममरी किमिवं रतिर्वा ॥

Conceits like these are a common feature of the Kāvya style in its later phases, and it must be said to the credit of Somadeva that he often shows laudable restraint and discrimination in the use of the many artifices resorted to by the poets of his age.

Citrāṃkāras are absent in our work, and even *śleṣa* or word-play, which adds to the intricacy of Somadeva's prose, is but rarely used in his verse; and only a few examples of it can be recorded. There is a pun on *kharaḍaṇḍa* in 3. 430, and the expression *sadāna* has four meanings in 3. 312. The epithets in the verse quoted below (1. 174) are simultaneously applied to three different things: dancing, dalliance with women and the royal court.

चञ्चलकुन्तलचामरं कलरणत्काञ्चीकयादम्बरं भ्रूमङ्गार्पितभावमूलचरणन्वासासनानन्दितम् ।

खेलत्पाणिपताकमीक्षणपथानीताङ्गहारोत्सवं नृत्यं च प्रमदारतं च नृपतिस्थानं च ते स्नान्मुदे ॥

Elaborate Rūpakas are sometimes met with; for example, in 3. 380, 381, wherein the women companions of Yaśodhara in his summer sports are successively figured as 'rows of woodland groves' and 'pools of water'.

अलककिसलयानां भ्रूलताञ्जलिनीनां नयनमण्डलानां चाकान्तस्थलीनाम् ।

कुवकुसुमचयानां जीवनश्रेणिकानामवलिषु कुरु केलीः किं नृपान्यैर्वनान्तैः ॥

1 उपमुज्य यदिशस्ते नर्पुसकं वृद्धमपि यशः सर्वाः । कामुपभोक्तुं यतं तरलिततारां तदाक्षर्यम् ॥

कंसदलकतरङ्गाः कान्तनेत्रारविन्दाः प्रचलमुज्ज्वलान्ताः पीनवक्षोजकोकाः ।

अतनुजवनकूलाभास्लावण्यवारकाव नृप वलकेर्किं कुर्वतां कीसरसः ॥

A typical Rūpaka is *jarā-rajakti*, Old Age fancied as a laundress whitening the hair<sup>1</sup>, reminding one of *rajani-rajakti* in *Naiṣadhacarita* 22. 113.

A practical example of Samāsokti occurs in connection with the satire on ministers. We are told that certain wise people, being unable to express their sentiments regarding the ministers of a king openly, do so with the help of a Samāsokti.<sup>2</sup>

प्रतीक्षे जातस्यः सुकृतसुखं तद्दिनमहं यतो यातारोऽमी प्रलयमहवध्वन्दनतरोः ।

अमीषां पापानामिह हि वसतामेष महिमा कदाप्येतच्छायामभिलषति यन्नाध्वगजनः ॥ 3. 168

'With confidence I await the auspicious day when the serpents on the sandal tree will go to ruin. Thanks to those wicked creatures living on the tree, no wayfarer ever seeks its shade.'

An important feature of Somadeva's style is the occasional but deliberate effort to attain lyrical effect and the occasional use of rhyme (2.220, 3.428 etc.). He may be regarded to some extent as a precursor of the lyrical style which reached its full development in Jayadeva's *Gītagovinda*; of this there is interesting evidence in the use of Apabhramśa metres in the three lyrical panegyrics considered in Section VIII (see above). Rhyme is also used in isolated verses for lyrical effect (2. 75, 76 226 etc.). Repetition of the last letter in a series of epithets is sometimes practised to give a lyric tone to a verse.

भास्वन्नास्वति दाहवाहिमरुति ज्वालोल्लसणाशकृति etc.

उन्मार्गाभसि मेघमन्दनभसि ऋक्षांशुमतेजसि etc.

इक्षूलासिनि सस्यशालिनि खरं शोफालिकोत्फुल्लिनि etc.

Alliteration is freely used in many verses interspersed in the work, and the quick movement of such verses is invariably in keeping with their lyrical qualities. Good use of onomatopoeia is made in the following description of elephants (3. 304):

तद्वत्सिति बन्धनं जुटति कम्परोल्लासने खणस्त्रणिति वह्निका गलति विक्रमारम्भणि ।

महम्मडिति मज्जते तरुगणः कृतावहने खड्गस्रसिति वारणः पतति चात्र युद्धेणि ॥

1 'कृष्णच्छविः साध शिरोरुहश्रीर्नरारजमया क्रियतेऽवदाता' 2. 102.

2 तदुक्तं कैश्रिदिर्पाश्रितरेतदेन इदयस्त्रयोप विहासं कर्तुमतीरुः समासोक्तिमेषेण ।'

## CHAPTER VIII

### PHILOSOPHICAL DOCTRINES

A considerable number of philosophical doctrines is mentioned and discussed by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*. The first section (Kalpa) of Book VI is interesting as a summary of the theories of salvation propounded by different schools of thought, followed by critical remarks on the opinions recorded by the author. The section is called *Samasta-samaya-siddhāntāva-bodhana*, 'Elucidation of the doctrines of all the schools', and important as a collection of philosophical tenets current in the tenth century. Another set of opinions is recorded in Book V in the episode of Caṇḍakarman and Sudatta, in which the former and his companions give an exposition of the doctrines followed by them, while the latter criticizes and tries to refute all of them. If we add to these the various Jaina doctrines explained and discussed in *Yasastilaka*, it will not be an exaggeration to describe the work as serving the purpose of a veritable compendium of the philosophical speculations of the age. The principal doctrines summarized in the romance are here grouped together according to the system to which they belong.

### VAIŚEṢIKA DOCTRINES

Somadeva refers to two classes of Vaiśeṣika thinkers: the Tārkika Vaiśeṣikas and the Saiddhānta Vaiśeṣikas. The main difference between the two schools of Vaiśeṣika philosophy is that the Saiddhāntas were Śaivas or worshippers of Śiva<sup>1</sup> and laid stress on faith; while the Tārkikas were followers of the Vaiśeṣika system proper and laid stress on knowledge. The Saiddhāntas held that salvation is the outcome of faith as manifested in initiation into the cult revealed by the omniscient Śiva in his two aspects, corporeal and incorporeal<sup>2</sup>. It may be mentioned in this connection that, according to Haribhadra's *Śaḍdarsanasaṃuccaya* (vv. 13,59), both the Naiyāyikas and Vaiśeṣikas were worshippers of Śiva. Guṇaratna mentions in his commentary four sects among the followers of Śiva: Śaivas, Pāśupatas and two others, and adds that the Naiyāyikas were called Śaivas, while the Vaiśeṣikas were called Pāśupatas. There was, however, a distinct school of Pāśupatas with doctrines of their own, and these do not seem to have been

1 The Siddhāntas or the Śivasiddhāntas are the Śaiva scriptures, and the Śaivas were often called Saiddhāntikas, e. g. in the Gurgi inscription of Prabodhaśiva (मधुमती धाम सैदान्तिकानाम्). See Chap. XIII for this inscription.

2 'सकलनिकलासमासमन्त्रत्रापेक्षदीक्षाकृष्णाम्बुस्रणाम्बोक्षः इति सैदान्तवैशेषिकाः' Vol II, p. 269.

directly connected with the Vaiśeṣika system. Somadeva himself, as we shall see, mentions their view of salvation separately.

The Tārkika Vaiśeṣikas, who do not seem to have been Śaivas, held that salvation results solely from the knowledge of the categories based on an understanding of their similarities and dissimilarities; and the categories are Substance, Quality, Action, Generality, Particularity, Inherence and Non-existence.<sup>1</sup> Strictly speaking, this is not an accurate presentation of the Vaiśeṣika view. According to that system, salvation is the result of Dharma and knowledge of the categories is only a means to that end inasmuch as such knowledge produces Dharma, of which the essence is *nivṛtti* or renunciation; and this cannot be realised unless the nature of all objects, external and internal, is comprehended and the evils inherent in them grasped. Besides, Dharma cannot bring about salvation unless it is supported by the will of God. This is the interpretation of Śrīdhara in his *Nyāyakandali*.<sup>2</sup> Udayana says in his *Kiraṇāvali* that salvation results from the realisation of the ultimate truth, revealed by the continuous practice of Dharma or renunciation according to the principles laid down in the Veda and other sacred texts, the knowledge of the categories being a preliminary discipline.<sup>3</sup>

It is interesting to note that Somadeva, like Śivāditya, the author of *Saptapadārthi*, definitely includes Abhāva or Negation among the categories. It is wellknown that Kaṇāda recognised only six categories, but from about the tenth century onwards writers on the Vaiśeṣika system such as Śrīdhara and Udayana have emphasized the importance of Ābhāva;<sup>4</sup> and others have given it its legitimate place among the categories.

Somadeva attempts to define with precision the nature of salvation propounded by the Vaiśeṣika system. He says that the followers of Kaṇāda hold salvation to be the absolute cessation of the nine attributes of the Soul, namely, knowledge, pleasure, pain, desire, aversion, effort, virtue, vice and

1 'द्रव्यगुणकर्मसामान्यसमवायान्वयविशेषाभावाभिधानानां पदार्थानां साधर्म्यवैधर्म्यावबोधतन्नाद् ज्ञानमात्राद् इति तार्किक-वैशेषिकाः ।' Ibid.

2 The *Prastapādā Bhāṣya* says 'निवृत्तिलक्षणः केवलो धर्मः परमार्थदर्शनजं सुखं कृत्वा निवर्तते । तदा निरोधात्'..... (see below). Śrīdhara says 'तन्निःश्रेयसं धर्मादेव भवति द्रव्यादितत्त्वज्ञानं तस्य कारणत्वेन निःश्रेयससाधनमित्यभिप्रायः । तत्त्वतो ज्ञातेषु बाह्याध्यात्मिकेषु विषयेषु दोषदर्शनादिरक्तस्य समीहानिवृत्तावात्मज्ञस्य तदर्थानि कर्माण्यकुर्वतः तत्परित्यागसाधनानि च क्षुतिस्मृत्युदितानि असंकल्पितफलान्युपाददानस्यात्मज्ञानमभ्यस्यतः प्रकृष्टविनि-वर्तकधर्मोपचये सति परिषकात्मज्ञानस्य आलम्बितकक्षरविशेषस्य भावाद् ।'..... 'धर्मोऽपि केवलं तावद् न निःश्रेयसं करोति यावदीश्वरेच्छया नानुगृह्यते तेनेदमुक्तम्-ईश्वरचोदनाभिव्यक्त्याद् धर्मादेवेति ।'

3 'ज्ञात्वेन पदार्थान् विविच्य क्षुतिस्मृतीतिहासपुराणोपदिष्टयोगविधिना दीर्घकालादरनैरन्तर्यसेविता निवृत्तिलक्षणाधर्मादेव तत्त्वज्ञानमुत्पद्यते यतोऽवबुध्यते ।'..... 'धर्मस्यैव प्राधान्यम् ।'

4 Udayana says 'अभावस्तु स्वरूपवानपि पृथक् नोद्दिष्टः । प्रतियोगिनिरूपणाधीननिरूपणत्वाद् । न तु तुच्छत्वाद्.' Śrīdhara says 'अभावस्य पृथगनुपदेशः भावपारतन्त्र्याद् न त्वभावाद्'.

mental impressions.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva illustrates this statement by quoting a verse which tells us that, according to the sage Kanāda, the nature of an emancipated being is the same as that of the soul, as it may be supposed to exist outside the body. तदुक्तम्—

बहिः शरीराद्यप्यमात्मनः संप्रसीयते । उक्तं तदेव मुक्तस्य मुनिना कणभोजिना ॥

This is in conformity with what we know of the Vaiśeṣika conception of salvation, which is also described as a quiescent condition comparable to a fire that has burnt up its fuel.<sup>2</sup> The actual number of the attributes of the soul given by Somadeva is immaterial, since the Bhāṣya of Prasastapāda enumerates as many as fourteen of them.<sup>3</sup> The vital point is the complete loss of attributes in the state of emancipation. Śrīdhara says that salvation does not consist in eternal bliss but in the continued existence of the soul in its own pristine condition, divested of all specific attributes.<sup>4</sup> He meets the objection of Maṇḍana that this kind of salvation is nothing but annihilation, by contending that the cessation of specific attributes does not amount to annihilation in the case of the eternal soul.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, the view that salvation consists in the eradication of specific attributes is rejected in philosophical texts of diverse schools, e. g. in *Sāṃkhyasūtras* 5. 75, *Bhōjavṛtti* on *Yogasūtras* 4. 33 and Bhāsarvajña's *Nyāyasāra*.<sup>6</sup>

Somadeva makes some statements criticizing the Vaiśeṣika views on salvation. He criticizes the Saiddhānta Vaiśeṣikas by saying that faith alone cannot lead to salvation; the Udumbara fruit never becomes ripe on account of the faith of a hungry fellow. Further, if Mantras or mystic texts brought about the purification of the Self, no one would undergo the hardship imposed by self-discipline. Dikṣā or initiation, too, cannot bring about salvation, as it is seen that the worldly blemishes which existed before initiation persist even after the completion of the rite.<sup>7</sup> As regards the Tārkika Vaiśeṣikas, Somadeva criticizes their view that knowledge leads to salvation. Knowledge, he says, helps one to comprehend things, but

- 1 'ज्ञानसुखदुःखेच्छाद्वेषप्रयत्नलभार्थमैर्मरकाराणां नवसंख्यावसराणांमात्मगुणानामत्यन्तोन्मुक्तिर्मुक्तिः इति कणादाः ।'
- 2 'तदा निरोधात् निर्वाणस्यात्मनः शरीरादिनिवृत्तिः पुनः शरीराद्यनुत्पत्तौ दग्धेन्धनानलबहुपशमो भोक्ष इति' *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*.
- 3 'तस्य गुणाः बुद्धिसुखदुःखेच्छाद्वेषप्रयत्नलभार्थमैर्मरकाराणां नवसंख्यापरिमाणपृथक्त्वसंयोगविभागाः ।'
- 4 'नामत्वात्मनो नित्यं सुखं तदभावात् तदनुभवो भोक्षावस्था किंतु समस्तात्मविशेषगुणोच्छेदोपलक्षिता स्वरूपस्थितिरेव ।'
- 5 'यदुक्तं मण्डनेन विशेषगुणनिवृत्तिलक्षणा मुक्तिरुच्छेदपक्षान्न भिद्यते इति । विशेषगुणोच्छेदे हि सति आत्मनः स्वरूपेणावस्थानं नोच्छेदो नित्यत्वात् ।'
- 6 See *Naiṣadhuacarita*, trans., Appendix I, p. 497.
- 7 श्रद्धा श्रेयोऽर्थिनां श्रेयःसंश्रयाय न केवला । बुभुक्षितवशात् पाको जायेत किमुदुम्बरे ॥ पात्रवशादिवन्मन्त्रादात्मद्रोपपरिक्षयः । दृश्येत यदि को नाम कृती विलम्बेत संयमैः ॥ दीक्षाक्षयान्तरात् पूर्वं ये दोषा भवसंश्रयाः । ते पश्चादपि दृश्यन्ते तत्र सा मुक्तिकारणम् ॥ Pp. 270-271.

not to acquire them; the mere perception of water, for example, does not slake one's thirst.<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva offers some further criticism on the kind of salvation set forth by the Vaiśeṣikas. The purport of what he says is: it may be readily admitted that there is no knowledge or bliss of a worldly character in salvation, but if it is assumed to be a condition in which knowledge is totally absent, what would be the character of the emancipated soul? There cannot be a soul without knowledge, just as there cannot be fire without heat.<sup>2</sup> The opinion of the Yoga system of Patañjali is cited to show that knowledge exists in the state of salvation. Somadeva argues that such beings as 'Jadāśiva or Īśvara cannot be held to be worldly entities since they are omniscient, and if they are not worldly entities, they must be held to be emancipated beings. Now, Patañjali tells us that Īśvara, who is untouched by worldly ties such as the Kleśas, Karman and its effects, and impressions, possesses omniscience in an unlimited degree.<sup>3</sup> The example of Śiva or Īśvara, emancipated yet omniscient, thus shows that knowledge can co-exist simultaneously with salvation. Somadeva reinforces his argument by quoting a verse from Avadhūta,<sup>4</sup> addressed to Śiva, in which *universal knowledge* is attributed to the Exalted One, besides irresistible power, aversion to pleasure, contentment, self-control, supreme bliss and unimpeded energy. On these grounds Somadeva, like many other thinkers, rejects the Vaiśeṣika view of salvation as a colourless condition devoid of attributes.

#### BUDDHIST DOCTRINES

α) As in the case of the Vaiśeṣika doctrines, Somadeva makes three different statements defining Buddhist views on salvation. First, he seems to say that final release results from the practice of *bhāvanā* based on the realisation of *nairātmya*,<sup>5</sup> both of which are well-known Buddhist concepts. Nairātmya is non-existence of the self; man, according to the Buddhists, is a compound of material and spiritual aggregates known as *skandhas*. "Just as the word 'chariot' is but a mode of expression for axle, wheels and other

1 ज्ञानादवगमोऽर्थाणां न तत्कार्यसमागमः । तर्थापकर्मयोगि स्थादृष्टमेवान्यथा पयः ॥ P. 271.

2 मोक्षो वा यदि बानन्दो नास्ति मुक्तौ भवोद्भवः । सिद्धसाध्यतयात्मकं न काचित् क्षतिरीक्ष्यते ॥ न्यक्षबीक्षाविनिर्मोक्षे मोक्षे किं मोक्षिच्छणम् । न ज्ञप्तावन्यदुष्णत्वाच्छब्दम लक्ष्यं विचक्षणैः ॥ P. 272. Ms. A remarks: समस्तपदार्थावलोकन-विनाशच्छणने ( मोक्षे )-

3 "किं च सदाशिवेश्वरादयः संसारिणो मुक्ता वा । संसारित्वे कथमाप्तता । मुक्तत्वे 'ऋशकर्मविपाकाशयैरपराष्ट्रः पुरुषविशेष ईश्वरस्तत्र निरतिशयं सर्वशरीरम्' इति पतञ्जलिजल्पितम्, 'ऐश्वर्यमप्रतिहनं सहजो विरागस्तृप्तिर्निसर्गजनिता वशितेन्द्रियेषु' इत्यवधूताभिधानं च न घटेत् ।" P. 272.

4 For the verse from Avadhūta see Chap. XVIII.

5 'नैरात्म्यादिनिषेदितसंभावनातो भावनातः इति दृशवच्छिष्याः' P. 269. See next Chapter for further details.

constituent members, placed in a certain relation to each other; but, when we come to examine the members one by one, we discover that, in an absolute sense, there is no chariot;.....in exactly the same way, the words 'living being' and 'ego' are only modes of expression for a complex of bodily and non-bodily constituents."<sup>1</sup> *Bhāvanā* is meditation or cultivation, the highest of the three stages of spiritual training recognised by the Buddhists, the other two being *śraddhā* (faith) and *darsana* (sight, personal inquiry). As Poussin says, "That is Faith, adhesion to the word of the Master. To ascertain this statement by personal inquiry is what is called Sight. Finally, to ponder over it until it becomes not only familiar, but actually always present to the mind, that is Cultivation."<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva ridicules the doctrine of *bhāvanā* as a means to salvation. Anything and everything may flash across the mind in the course of *bhāvanā* or meditation; if salvation were to result from meditation, any swindler would obtain it.<sup>3</sup> Somadeva in this connection quotes a verse which describes an imprisoned thief as declaring that he can clearly see his beloved's face (by force of meditation), even though his eyes are closed and the prison locked up and it is pitchy dark inside.<sup>4</sup>

The doctrine of *nairātmya* is set forth also in the episode of *Caṇḍakarman* (Book V) by the Buddhist *Sugatakīrti*, one of the interlocutors. He maintains that the belief in a Self is nothing but 'the certain blindness of a great delusion', and quotes two verses which declare the notion of the Self to be the source of all evils:

यः पश्यत्यात्मानं तस्यात्मनि भवति शाश्वतः स्नेहः । स्नेहात्सुखेषु तृष्यति तृष्णा दोषास्त्रिरस्कृते ॥  
आत्मनि सति परसंज्ञा स्वपरविभागात्परिग्रहद्वेषौ । अनयोः संप्रतिबद्धाः सर्वे दोषाः प्रजायन्ते ॥

"Whoso believes in a Self conceives lasting affection for it; from affection arises desire for pleasures, and desire hides all blemishes. Once there is the notion of the Self, there arises that of the not-Self, and from the distinction between one's own self and others arise attachment and hatred. All evils originate, dependent on these two." Vol. II, p. 252.

*Sugatakīrti* goes on to define the Buddhist view of salvation and calls it *nirodha* or cessation. He quotes a verse which says that, just as the flame of a lamp goes out without leaving any trace when the oil is used up,

1 *Visuddhimaggā* cited in Poussin: *The Way to Nirvāṇa*, p. 42.

2 Ibid. p. 159.

3 सर्वं चेतसि भासेत वस्तु भावनया स्फुटम् । तावन्मात्रेण मुक्तत्वे मुक्तिः स्वादिप्रलम्भनाम् ॥ P. 271.

4 'तदुक्तम्—पिरिते कारागारे तमसि च' etc. See Chap XVIII.



similarly a man becomes calm without attachment, when passion is destroyed.  
तदाह—

यथा स्नेहक्षयादीपः प्रसाम्यति निरम्बयः । तथा क्रेशक्षयाज्जन्तुः प्रसाम्यति निरम्बयः ॥ Ibid.

Such being the ultimate end of man, Sugatakīrti comes to the conclusion that all forms of religious austerities are nothing but self-torture.<sup>1</sup> He goes on to quote a verse which enumerates the five emblems of folly: the authority of the Vedas, the theory of a Creator, bathing for religious purposes, the pride of caste, and self-mortification. तदुक्तम्—

वेदप्रामाण्यं कस्यचिद् कर्तृवादः स्नाने धर्मोच्छा जातिवादवलेपः ।

संतापारम्भः क्रेशनाशाव चेति ध्वस्तप्रशानां पञ्च लिङ्गानि जात्ये ॥ Ibid.

Certain other verses are cited by Sugatakīrti in support of sensual enjoyment;<sup>2</sup> and the object of Somadeva is to show Buddhism in an unfavourable light, the theory of *nairātmya* being represented as leading to materialism. The doctrine comes in for further criticism in Sudatta's reply to Sugatakīrti. The Buddhist monk recognises his alms-bowl, the houses of the donors, and himself as recipient of the alms: how can he then believe in the non-existence of the Self?<sup>3</sup> If a man becomes extinct without leaving any trace, there can be no continuity of life,<sup>4</sup> and such a unique being cannot be compared to anything else, for example, a lamp. Further, if an individual is liable to destruction at each successive moment (for, in the Buddhist view, man is not the same for two consecutive moments), how does he hold together a compact group like that of the sense organs? How can impressions abide in something that is in a state of flux? Somadeva, therefore, declares that the Buddhist doctrine is devoid of all proof, and as such cannot provide a basis for the regulation of *dharma* and *adharma*.<sup>5</sup> The Buddhist, after denying the existence of the visible Self, might vociferously maintain the existence of some unseen principle (for example, the *skandhas*), but his position would be no better than that of the potter who asserted that his donkey had two horns, but his neighbour's ox had none!<sup>6</sup> Sudatta then attacks the Buddhist doctrine that there is rebirth but no transmigration of a soul.

1 'एवं च सति केशोल्लङ्घनतप्तशिखारोहणकेशदर्शनान्नविनाशनक्षयार्थादयः केवलमात्मोपघातायैव ।'

2 'पयोधरभरालसाः...' 'लीमुद्रां क्षयकेतनस्य...' See Chap. XVIII.

3 सोऽहं तदेव पात्रं तान्येतानि च गृहाणि दातृणाम् । इति नित्यं विदुषोऽपि च दुराग्रहः कोऽस्य नैरात्म्ये ॥ Vol. II, p. 256.

4 The Jaina critic misunderstands the significance of Nirodha, and wrongly interprets it as annihilation without any sequel (निरम्बय). See next Chapter for the correct meaning of Nirodha.

5 संतानो न निरम्बये निसृष्टो सादृश्यमेतच्च हि प्रत्यासत्तिरित्ये कुतः समुदयः का वासना वास्तिरे । तत्त्वे वाचि समस्तमानरहिते ताथागते सांप्रतं धर्माधर्मनिबन्धनो विधिरयं कौतस्कुतो वर्तताम् ॥ P. 257.

6 इष्टालयात्तत्त्वमदृष्टमेव प्रसाधयेच्चैवचनासरालः । तदा खरोष्णोः क्षुत्तितो विषाणे विषमिषेभंश्च जयी कुलालः ॥ Ibid.

माहं नैव परो न कर्मभिरिह प्रायेण बन्धः कश्चिज्जोका प्रेत्य न तत्फलस्य च वदेदित्यं स बोद्धो यदि ।  
कस्मादेष तपःसमुद्यतमनाश्चेत्यादिकं बन्दते किं वा तत्र तपोऽस्ति केवलमयं भूतैर्जडो बध्नितः ॥

"The Buddhist maintains that neither 'I' nor any one else exists nor does bondage, as a rule, result from *karman* in this life nor does a man reap the consequences of his actions after death. If so, why does a monk, bent on austerities, worship shrines and the like? Or, perhaps, there is no scope for austerities here. The fool is simply deluded by cheats." (Vol. II, p. 257)

b) The ancient Buddhist doctrine of Nirvāṇa is also mentioned by Somadeva. He states that, according to the Buddhists, emancipation consists in the emergence of a detached frame of mind,<sup>1</sup> and quotes two verses in illustration of the doctrine :

दिशं न कांचिद्विदिशं न कांचिन्नैवावनिं गच्छति नान्तरिक्षम् ।  
दीपो यथा निर्वृतिमभ्युपेतः क्षेपक्षयात् केवलमेति शान्तिम् ॥  
दिशं न कांचिद्विदिशं न कांचिन्नैवावनिं गच्छति नान्तरिक्षम् ।  
जीवन्तथा निर्वृतिमभ्युपेतः क्षेपक्षयात् केवलमेति शान्तिम् ॥

"The flame of a lamp, when the oil is used up, goes not to any of the four quarters nor to any point between nor earthwards nor skywards. Ceasing to burn, it simply becomes extinct. Just so a sentient being, when his passion is destroyed, goes not to any of the four quarters nor to any point between nor earthwards nor skywards. Becoming calm, he simply attains peace." (Vol. II, p. 270)<sup>2</sup>

The end of passion (*klesa*) is often represented as *nirvāṇa* in early Buddhist texts. The *klesas* are *moha* 'delusion', *rāga* 'lust' and *doṣa* 'hatred or malice'. We read, for instance, in the *Saṃyuttanikāya* XXXVIII. I: *yo kho āvuso rāgakkhayo doṣakkhayo mohakkhayo idaṃ vuccati nibbānaṃ ti*. The end of lust, hatred and delusion is here called Nirvāṇa. The nature of Nirvāṇa is discussed in the *Milindapañhu*<sup>3</sup> which describes it as a condition in which no evil dispositions can grow.<sup>4</sup> Nirvāṇa is supreme bliss, in which the burning heat of the threefold fire (lust, malice and delusion) is totally absent.<sup>5</sup> As water allays the thirst of men and beasts, so does Nirvāṇa allay the thirst of craving after lusts, craving after future life, and

1 'निराश्रयचित्तोत्पत्तिरुक्ष्णो मोक्षः इति मोक्षावसरास्ताथागतः ।' P. 270. See next Chapter for another reference to this definition by a Jaina writer and its interpretation.

2 See also Chap. XVIII.

3 See *The Questions of King Milinda*, trans. by Rhys Davids, Part II, pp. 190, 195, 197, 203. The extracts in Pāli are from the Devanāgarī edition of the text, Bombay 1940.

4 'निम्बानं सम्पक्विलेपानं अविस्मृत्तं'

5 'व्यपगततिविधिसंगतस्तार्यं परमसुखं निम्बानं'

craving after worldly prosperity.<sup>1</sup> Nirvāṇa is thus "a state of mind to be realised and enjoyed by a man here, on this earth, in this life, and in this life only".<sup>2</sup> If grounded in virtue, and mentally alert, "the man who orders his life aright, wheresoever he may be, will realise Nirvāṇa."<sup>3</sup> It is *peace* beyond compare.<sup>4</sup>

In the Buddhist view, it is immaterial to ask what becomes of the emancipated saint after he has passed away. In the Aggi-Vacchagotta-sutta of the *Majjhimanikāya*, Vacchagotta is asked by the Buddha whether he can tell in what direction an expiring fire goes, whether to east, west, north or south. The reply is *na upeti*, the question does not apply. The fire has simply gone out for lack of fuel to sustain it. Similarly, it is pointed out, everything by which the emancipated saint might be denoted, has passed away, has been completely extirpated; 'reborn does not apply to him nor not reborn nor any combination of such terms'.<sup>5</sup>

Nirvāṇa is in a sense freedom from rebirth. The man who sees the peril in the cycle of births (*pavatta*), says the *Milindapañha*, realises that it is all "burning, and blazing, full of pain and of despair", and yearns for a state in which there is no becoming (*appavatta*), and concentrates his mind on it; and, after mighty endeavour, having gone far beyond the cycle of existence, attains freedom from *saṃsāra*.<sup>6</sup> "And when he has gained that, the man who has ordered his life aright has realised Nirvāṇa."<sup>7</sup>

The only criticism which Somadeva offers in respect of the Buddhist view of Nirvāṇa is that the soul which remains imperishable through a long succession of births cannot become extinct in the state of salvation.<sup>8</sup> Somadeva's criticism is, however, beside the mark, as Nirvāṇa is not salvation to be enjoyed by an imperishable soul after death. As Rhys Davids says, "the parts and powers of the perfect man will be dissolved, and no new being will be born to sorrow. The wise will pass away, will go out like the flame of a lamp, and their Karma will be individualized no longer....."

1 'उदकं किञ्चित्तत्तसितपिपासितवम्भामित्तानं जनपसुपजानं पिपासाविनयनं; एवमेव...निम्बानं कामतण्हाभवतण्हाविमव-  
तण्हापिपासाविनयनं'

2 Ibid. p. 181. f. n. 1.

3 'यः कल्पन्ति वि ठितो सम्पापटिपन्नो निम्बानं सच्छिकरोति'

4 Cf. 'अनुत्तरं योगक्खेमं निम्बानं' 'अनुत्तरं सन्निवरपरं परियेनमानो' *Ariyapariyesana Sutta*, *Majjhima-Nikāya* (26).

5 See *Further Dialogues of the Buddha*, Vol. I, pp. 343, 344.

6 'पवत्तं समतिकमिवा अप्पवत्तं ओकमति' See Rhys Davids: *Pali-English Dictionary* under *pavatta*.

7 *The Questions of King Milinda* (op. cit.), p. 201.

8 अनेकब्रह्मसंततोर्वावदवाक्षयः पुमान् । यद्यसौ मुक्त्ववस्थायां कुतः क्षीयेत हेतुतः ॥ P. 273

So the living, moving body of the perfect man is visible still, though its cause has ceased to act: but it will soon decay and die and pass away; and as no new body will be formed, where life was, will be nothing".<sup>1</sup>

Nirvāṇa corresponds in fact to *jīvanmuktatā*, and this interpretation seems to have been well-known in the tenth century. Utpala, a writer of the Kasmir school of Śaivism, who lived about this time, defines Mokṣa as *jīvanmuktatā*, and quotes in illustration a Buddhist verse, among others, which says that *saṃsāra* consists in a state of mind sullied by lust and other impurities; while freedom from such a condition constitutes Mokṣa.<sup>2</sup>

c) The third important reference to Buddhist doctrine is that to the Mādhyamika theory of Void (*sūnyatā*), which Somadeva attributes to "certain Buddhists who are regular cheats, and have invented the pervasive darkness of *sūnyatā*".<sup>3</sup> The following definition of *sūnyatā* is quoted in *Yasāstilaka* VI. I (p. 269):

नेवान्तस्तत्त्वमस्तीह न बहिस्तत्त्वमजसा । विचारगोचरातीनेः शून्यता श्रेयसी ततः ॥

The purport of the verse is that there is no reality external or internal; hence the realisation of Void is the highest good, transcending as it does the range of the intellect. It is doubtful whether Somadeva fully appreciates the significance of the theory of *sūnyatā* as interpreted by Nāgārjuna and Candrakīrti in the *Mādhyamakakārikās* and the *Prasannapadā* commentary respectively. The sum and substance of the doctrine is that *sūnyatā* is nothing but the law of causation known as *pratitya-samutpāda*, that is, whatever is subject to cause and condition is really unborn, has no real origination, and is hence called *sūnya* or void.<sup>4</sup> All objects have only a relative existence like a mirage or a magic show or a dream; and the doctrine of *sūnya* is called *mādhyamaka* or the middle doctrine, because it avoids the two extremes of existence and non-existence.<sup>5</sup> The doctrine is such that it

1 *Buddhism*, p. 114 (S. P. C. K., 1903).

2 'बौद्धे च — रागादिमलिनं चित्तं संसारस्तद्विक्लिता । संक्षेपात् कथितो मोक्षः प्रहीनादर्णजिनैः ॥' *Spandaprāṇāpikā* p. 7 (Vizianagram Sanskrit Series).

3 'पश्यतो हराः प्रकाशितशून्यतेकान्ततिमिराः शाक्यविशेषाः'

4 यः प्रतीत्यसमुत्पादः शून्यतां तां प्रचक्षते । सा प्रवृत्तिरुपादाय प्रतिभूतः सैव मध्यमा ॥ *Mādhyamakakārikā* 24. 18. Candrakīrti says: 'योऽयं प्रतीत्यसमुत्पादो हेतुप्रत्ययानपेक्षाङ्कुरविज्ञानादीनां प्रादुर्भावः स स्वभावेनामुत्पादः । यश्च स्वभावेनानुत्पादो भावानां सा शून्यता ।' Also 'यः प्रत्ययैर्जायते स ह्यजानो न तस्य उत्पादस्वभावतोऽस्ति । यः प्रत्ययाधीनः स शून्यः उच्यते यः शून्यतां जानति सोऽप्रमत्तः ॥ इति भगवतो गार्गावचनात् । एवं प्रतीत्यसमुत्पादशब्दस्य योऽर्थः स एव शून्यताशब्दस्यार्थः न पुनरभावशब्दस्य योऽर्थः शून्यताशब्दस्यार्थः ।'

5 'मायास्वप्नगन्धर्वनगरादिवस्तु लोकेकाः पदार्थाः निरूपयित्वा एव सन्तः सर्वलोकस्याविद्यातिमिरोपहतमतिनयनस्य प्रसिद्धिमुपगताः इति परपरपरेष्वयैव केवलं प्रसिद्धिमुपगता नान्यैरभ्युपगम्यन्ते' (Chap. 7). 'तदेवं मध्यमकदर्शनं यथास्तित्वनास्तित्वद्वयदर्शनस्याप्रसक्तो न विज्ञानवादिदर्शनादिभिः विवेकम्' (Chap. 15). Cf. अस्तीति शाश्वतमाहो नास्तीत्युच्छेददर्शनम् । तस्यादस्तित्वनास्तित्वे नाश्रयेत विचक्षणः ॥ *Mādhyamakakārikā* 15. 10.

must be realised in one's own heart, and hence described as unexplained by speech and beyond the range of mental comprehension.<sup>1</sup> Nirvāṇa, according to the Mādhyamika school, is nothing but the realisation of *śūnyatā*, which consists in the cessation of the complex of worldly notions known as *prapañca*.<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva has a fling at the doctrine of void, when he says that if a follower of the Śūnya theory tries to establish it by means of independent proofs, he will be contradicting his own theory that *everything* is *śūnya* 'void' 'non-existent.'<sup>3</sup> The Mādhyamikas are, however, careful to point out that what they maintain is not *abhāva*, non-existence, but the relative existence of things: they recognise neither eternalism nor annihilationism.<sup>4</sup>

#### SĀMĀKHYA DOCTRINES

There are two statements defining the Sāmkhya view of salvation in *Yasastilaka* VI. 1. The first is that salvation results from discrimination between Matter (Prakṛti) and the Self (Puruṣa).<sup>5</sup> The second is that salvation is the condition in which the Self subsides in the pristine state (of pure consciousness) after the cessation of intellect, mind and egoism, resulting in the destruction of the sense organs.<sup>6</sup> The expression, *tadā draṣṭuḥ svarūpe-vasthānam*, is borrowed from the *Yogasūtras* 1. 3. The idea of the soul abiding in itself after the cessation of all mental and intellectual processes occurs in *Sāmkhyasūtras* 2. 34.<sup>7</sup>

In the episode of Candakarmān (Book V), Sāmkhya doctrines are represented by Āsuri who quotes the following verse on the Sāmkhya conception of the Self (p. 250):

अकर्ता निर्गुणः शुद्धो नित्यः सर्वगतोऽक्रियः । अमूर्तश्चेतनो भोक्ता पुमाश्च कपिलशासने ॥

- 1 Candrakīrti (18. 9) says: 'विकल्पश्चित्तप्रचारः तद्रहितत्वात् तत्तत्त्वं निर्विकल्पम् ।'
- 2 'शून्यतैव सर्वप्रपञ्चनिवृत्तिरक्षणत्वात्त्रिर्वाणमित्युच्यते' Candrakīrti on *Mādhyamakakārikā* 18. 5. Properly speaking, salvation results from the destruction of *Karma* and the *Kleśas*, but the latter spring from *Vikalpas* or fanciful ideas, and these again from *prapañca*, which is eradicated only on the realisation of *Śūnyatā*. Nagārjuna says: कर्महेतुशून्यान्मोक्षः कर्महेतुः विकल्पतः । ते प्रपञ्चात् प्रपञ्चस्तु शून्यतायां निरुध्यते ॥ 18. 5. Candrakīrti says: 'ते च विकल्पा अनादिमत्संसाराम्यस्तात् शान्तेयवान्यवाचककर्तृकर्मकारणक्रियापटपटमुकुटरपरूपवेदनास्त्रीपुरुषलामालामसुखदुःखयशोऽवशोनिन्दाप्रशंसादिलक्षणादिविनात् प्रपञ्चादुपजायन्ते । स चायं लौकिकः प्रपञ्चः निरवशेषः शून्यतायां सर्वभावस्वभाव-शून्यतादर्शने सति निरुध्यते ।'
- 3 शून्यं तत्त्वमहं वादी साधयामि प्रमाणतः । इत्याख्यायां निरुध्येत सर्वशून्यत्ववादिता ॥ P. 272.
- 4 See above.
- 5 'प्रकृतिपुरुषयोः विवेकमतेः क्वातेः इति सांख्याः ।' P. 269.
- 6 'बुद्धिमनोऽहंकारविरहादखिलेन्द्रियोपशमानात्तदा ब्रह्मः स्वरूपेऽवलानं भुक्तिः इति कापिलः ।' P. 270.
- 7 'तच्चिदाहुपशान्तोपरामः क्लेशः'

Āsuri explains that Prakṛti contaminates the Self, even though composed of bliss, like a piece of crystal, with such manifestations as intellect, egoism and the like, which bring in their train pleasure, pain and illusion. When the Self comes to realise the nature of Prakṛti, its connection with the latter, comparable to that of fire with an iron ball, comes to an end; and the Self attains *Kaivalya* which means the cessation of all connection with knowledge and objects of knowledge.<sup>1</sup> Āsuri then declares that since salvation results simply from discrimination between Prakṛti and the Self, it is useless to perform religious austerities; and one should therefore eat, drink, and be merry, and follow ones' inclination :

अनुभवत पिबत खादत विलसत मानयत कामितं लोकाः । आत्मव्यक्तिविवेकान्मुक्तिर्ननु किं वृथा तपत ॥

This looks like a satire on the Sāṃkhya theory of salvation, but similar views are expressed in an authoritative text like the *Mātharavṛtti* on the *Sāṃkhyakārikās* (37), where it is stated that, according to Kapila, a man has no prescribed duties; and final beatitude results solely from the knowledge of the twentyfive principles recognised by the Sāṃkhya system. The *Mātharavṛtti* then quotes a verse very similar to that put in the mouth of Āsuri:

इस पिब लल मोद निलं विषयानुपभुञ्ज कुरु च मा शङ्काम् । यदि विदितं ते कपिलमतं तन्मप्यस्य मोक्षमौल्यं च ॥

Sudatta criticizes some of the Sāṃkhya tenets in his reply to Āsuri. If, as the Sāṃkhyas hold, bondage and salvation, pleasure and pain, and activity and retirement belong to Prakṛti, what is the use of postulating the existence of a Self?<sup>2</sup> Further, the Sāṃkhya doctrine involves a number of self-contradictions. The Self never acts, yet it enjoys the fruits of action; it is devoid of action, yet adopts an attitude of indifference; it is eternal, yet comes into temporary association with Prakṛti; it is bound up with Prakṛti, yet separates itself from the latter; it is pure, yet it is connected with the impure body; and it is called bliss, though it has no attributes.<sup>3</sup> Besides, if the Self is eternal and without any form, it can have no connection with actions producing their results, just as the sky can have no connection with binding ropes.<sup>4</sup>

In VI. 1 also there is some criticism of Sāṃkhya views. Somadeva asks how it is possible to discriminate between the Prakṛti and the Self, both

1 'स यदा.....स्फाटिकप्रदमानमिवानन्दतात्मानमप्यात्मानं सुखदुःखमोहावहपरिवर्तैर्महदहंकारादिविवर्तैः कल्पयन्त्याः..... प्रकृतेः स्वरूपमवगच्छति, तदायामयगोलकानलतुल्यवर्गस्य बोधवद्बहुधानैकसंसर्गस्य सति त्रिसर्गे सकलभानक्षेयसंवन्धा-  
नैक्यं कैवल्यमवलम्बते तदा द्रष्टुः स्वरूपेऽवस्थानमिति वचनात् ।' P. 250.

2 बन्धमोक्षौ सुखं दुःखं प्रवर्तननिवर्तने । यद्येष प्रकृतेर्भेदः किं स्यात् पुंसः प्रकल्पनम् ॥ P. 253.

3 अकर्तापि पुमान् भोक्ता क्रियाशून्योऽप्युदासिता । नित्योऽपि जातसंसर्गः सवर्गोऽपि वियोगभाक् ॥ शुद्धोऽपि देहसंबद्धो निर्युगोऽपि शमुच्यते । इत्यन्योन्यादिरुक्तं न युक्तं कपिलं वचनम् ॥ P. 253.

4 नित्येऽमूर्ते तदा पुंस्ति कर्मभिः स्वफलेभिः । कुतो घटेत संबन्धो यथाकाशस्य रज्जुभिः ॥ P. 254.

eternal and pervasive.<sup>1</sup> He seems also to criticize the Sāṅkhya theory that the self continues to exist without any knowledge or mental process after the cessation of its connection with the material world.<sup>2</sup> He points out that the Self is bound to have unlimited knowledge even in its pristine state, once the impurity of Karma is removed, in the same way as the Self has knowledge of things in dreams that come true.<sup>3</sup> The analogy of dream consciousness is continued; and Somadeva contends that even a blind man can see things in a dream, and it is therefore wrong to suppose that the emancipated Self can have no knowledge, being without any sense organs.<sup>4</sup> It is but natural that the intellect should reveal the entire range of objects, like the rays of the sun, once the screen of Karma is destroyed.

## VEDĀNTA DOCTRINES

There are two references to Vedānta doctrines in *Yasastilaka* VI. 1. First, it is stated that, according to the Vedāntins, salvation takes place when Nescience, which brings about the cognition of endless divergences, is destroyed as the result of the realisation of the Absolute.<sup>5</sup> Secondly, all living creatures are merged in the Absolute after the final annihilation of the body, just as the space enclosed within a jar is merged in universal space after the breaking up of the jar.<sup>6</sup>

Somadeva criticizes the above doctrines thus. First, if all divergence is dismissed as Nescience, how can the varied character of the world be explained, with its palpable manifestations of birth, death, pleasure and the like?<sup>7</sup> Secondly, if the Absolute alone exists and nothing else, why is there no cessation of the waves of worldly phenomena? Why is the universe distinctly seen? Why is it not merged in the Absolute, just as the space enclosed within a jar is merged in universal space?<sup>8</sup> The Vedāntins also say that the Supreme Soul is one, though it abides in each individual: it is seen both as one and many, like the moon and its reflections in water. The

1 अव्यक्तनरयोर्नित्यं नित्यव्यापित्वभावयोः । विवेकेन कथं ख्यातिं सांख्यमुख्याः प्रवक्षते ॥ P. 271.

2 See above.

3 बाह्ये ग्राह्ये मलापायात् सत्यस्वप्न इवात्मनः । तदा द्रष्टुः स्वरूपेऽसिद्धवस्थानममानकम् ॥ P. 272. Ms. A says: कर्मक्षयात् केवलेन ज्ञानेन बाह्ये पदार्थे ग्राह्ये अवलोकिते सति द्रष्टुरात्मनः स्वस्वरूपेऽवस्थानं स्थितिर्भवति । मानरहित-मनस्तं ज्ञानं स्यादित्यर्थः ।

4 यत्र नेत्रादिकं नास्ति न तत्र मतिरात्मनि । तत्र युक्तमिदं यस्मात्स्वप्नमन्धोऽपि वीक्षते ॥ P. 272

5 तदावृत्तिहन्ती तस्य तपनत्वेव दीपितिः । कथं न श्रेयसी सर्वं प्रकाशयति वस्तु यत् ॥ P. 273.

6 'परममक्षदर्थनवशादशेषभेदसंवेदनाविषाविनाशात् इति वेदान्तवादिनः ।' P. 269.

7 'यथा घटविषट्के घटाकाशमाकाशीभवति तथा देशोच्छेदात् सर्वः प्राणी परे ब्रह्मणि लीयते इति ब्रह्माद्वैतवादिनः ।' P. 270.

8 भेदोऽयं यद्यनिषा स्वाद्वैचित्र्यं जगतः कुतः । जगत्पुत्रसुखप्रयौर्वैवर्तेमानवतिभिः ॥ P. 272.

9 ब्रह्मेकं यदि सिद्धं स्वाशित्तरत्नं कुतश्च न । घटाकाशमिवाकाशे तत्रेदं लीयतां जगत् ॥ P. 273.



comparison is, however, fallacious, because the moon is seen as one in the sky and as many elsewhere in the form of reflections; but the undifferentiated Absolute is nowhere seen apart from the diversities of the visible world.<sup>1</sup>

#### JAIMINIYA DOCTRINES

Somadeva refers to the Jaininiyas or the followers of Jainini, who declare that the mind is by nature impure like charcoal and collyrium, and can never be purified.<sup>2</sup> This opinion is expressed also by Dhūmadhvaja in the episode of Caṇḍakarman and Sudatta, and he deduces from it a sensualist conception of life. He maintains that just as charcoal, though rubbed, never becomes white, similarly the mind, impure by nature, never becomes pure.<sup>3</sup> Further, there is no heaven in the guise of another world for which it is worth while to perform religious austerities; the real heaven is the ardent mutual love of a maiden of twelve and a youth of sixteen!<sup>4</sup> Dhūmadhvaja goes on to ridicule those who forsake the pleasures of the senses and strive for pain rather than pleasure.

The opinions of Dhūmadhvaja are controverted by Sudatta. If the mind or the inner faculty is impure, why does Kumārila in offering salutation to Śiva describe him as being composed of pure knowledge?<sup>5</sup> Sudatta then cites a verse which declares the existence of the eternal soul: it is interwoven with all things, yet not in contact with anything, and its nature is ever pure as the sky. कथं चेदं वचनमर्ज्यम्—

समस्तेषु वस्तुष्वनुस्यूतमेकं समस्तानि वस्तूनि यच्च स्पृशन्ति ।

विषद्वत् सदा शुद्धिमयत्वरूपं स सिद्धोपलब्धिः स निखोऽहमात्मा ॥ P. 254

The sage concludes by saying that just as a gem tarnished by impurities can be cleansed with effort, and ore turned into gold by a process of manufacture, similarly the Self can be liberated from passion by those who are well-meaning and resort to the canon of the Arhats.<sup>6</sup>

1 अथ मतम्—एक एव हि भूतात्मा देहे देहे व्यवस्थितः । एकधानेकधा चापि दृश्यते जलचन्द्रवत् ॥ तदुक्तम् । एकः खेऽनेकधान्यत्र यथेन्द्रवैद्यते जनेः । न तथा वेद्यते ब्रह्म भेदेभ्योऽन्यदभेदमाक् ॥ P. 273.

2 'अङ्गाराजनादिवत् स्वभावादेव काष्ठस्योत्पत्तिप्रवृत्तस्य वित्तस्य न कुतश्चिद्विशुद्धवित्तवृत्तिः इति जैमिनीयाः ।'

3 इष्यमाणो यथाङ्गारः शुद्धतां नैति जातुचित् । विशुध्यति कृतचित्तं निसर्गमलिनं तथा ॥ P. 250.

4 'न चापरमिषस्ताविषः समर्थोऽस्ति यदर्थोऽयं नयःप्रयासः सफलवासः स्यात् । यतः द्वादशवर्षा योषा षोडशवर्षोचितस्थितिः पुरुषः । प्रीतिः परस्परमनयोः स्वर्गः स्मृतः सङ्गिः ॥' P. 251.

5 'इष्यमाणोऽङ्गारवदन्तरङ्गस्य दिशुःस्वभावे कथमिदमुदाहारि कुमारिलेन—विशुद्धज्ञानदेहाय..... । .....नमः सोमार्थधारिणे ॥' See Chapter XVIII.

6 मलकण्डुवतायार्तं रत्नं विशुध्यति यत्नतो भवति कनकं नत्पाषाणो यथा न कुनक्रियः । कुशलमतिभिः कैश्चिद्वैस्तथासनयाश्रितैरयमपि गल्लक्ष्मणाभोगः क्रियेत परः पुमान् ॥ P. 254.

The Jaiminiya doctrine is criticised also in VI. 1. Somadeva says that removal of impurities involves transformation of character, and this can be brought about through the operation of the appropriate causes as in the case of gems and pearls.<sup>1</sup>

#### CĀRVĀKA DOCTRINES

Somadeva refers to the Bārhaspatyas or the followers of Bṛhaspati and calls them the leaders of all the Nāstikas or materialists, popularly known as the Cārvākas. According to them, *dharma*s or qualities may be said to exist only if we can be sure of the existence of a Dharmin, 'one who possesses *dharma*s', that is, the Self. Similarly, there is no other world than this, because no one lives after death. The question of salvation thus does not arise.<sup>2</sup> The Bārhaspatyas then regard emancipation as a myth.

In the episode of Caṇḍakarman and Sudatta, the former sets forth Cārvāka doctrines. He declares that those who believe in the rebirth of a dead man, those who believe in a Dharma whose result is unseen, and those who believe in a soul apart from the body are people who 'see blues and yellows'.<sup>3</sup> The four elements, constituting the body, and moved by the five breaths, produce consciousness,<sup>4</sup> just as substances like flour-water, molasses, and the Dhātakī creeper possess intoxicating properties, and just as the combination of lime, betel and areca-nut produces a red colour. Consciousness lasting from birth to death never reemerges, once it has reached its term, like a leaf fallen from the tree. Since there is no life after death,<sup>5</sup> and the living creatures are like bubbles of water, all painful efforts (such as religious austerities) are futile.<sup>6</sup> "One should therefore live

1 स्वभावान्तरसंभूतिर्यत्र तत्र मलक्षयः । कर्तुं शक्यः स्वहेतुभ्यो मणिमुक्ताफलेभ्यः ॥ P. 271.

2 'सति धर्मिणि धर्माश्चिन्त्यन्ते ततः परलोकिनोऽभावात् परलोकाभावे कस्यासौ मोक्षः इति समवायसमस्तनास्तिकाधिपत्या बाह्यस्याः' P. 269.

3 पश्यन्ति वे जन्म मृतस्य जन्तोः पश्यन्ति वे धर्ममदृष्टसाध्वम् । पश्यन्ति वेऽन्यं पुरुषं शरीरात् पश्यन्ति ते नीलकपीत-  
कानि ॥ P. 252.

4 Empedocles likewise taught that "it is by these (elements) men think and feel pleasure and pain". Thought, like sense-perception, is only a function of the body, which is composed of the elements (fire, air, water and earth). Burnet: *Early Greek Philosophy*, p. 247; Zeller: *Outlines of the History of Greek Philosophy*, p. 57. In his religious teaching, however, Empedocles laid stress on the doctrine of transmigration of souls.

5 The important Jewish sect of the Sadducees denied 'the survival of the soul—it perishes with the body—and the rewards and punishments in Hades.' Moore: *Judaism*, Vol. II, p. 317.

6 'प्राणापानसमानोदानव्यानव्यतिकीर्णैश्च क्वाकापरिणतिसंकीर्णैश्चो वनपवनावनिपवनसखैश्चः पिष्टोदकगुडधातकी-  
प्रमुखैश्च इव मदशक्तिः, वर्णचूर्णकृमुकैश्च इव रागसंपत्तिस्तदात्मगुणकार्यस्वभावतया नैनन्दमुपजायते । तच्च गर्भादि-  
मरणपर्यन्तपर्यायमतीतं सत् पादपाद, पतितं पत्रमिव न पुनः प्ररोहति । तथा च परलोकाभावे जलबुद्बुदस्वभावेण जीवेण

merrily as long as one lives: no one can escape death, and the body, burnt to ashes and extinct, never returns."

Sudatta while criticizing the above doctrines tries to establish the existence of the Self and continuity of births. He cites three factors in favour of his contention. First, a new-born child, just after his birth, sucks his mother's breast, which cannot be explained otherwise than by supposing the continuity of impressions acquired in a previous birth.<sup>1</sup> Secondly, it is seen that certain persons become evil spirits after death. Thirdly, there are people who can remember their previous lives.<sup>2</sup> Fourthly, no sentient being ever originates from the elements. Hence the conclusion that the Self exists, eternal, and conscious of the manifestations of Matter.<sup>3</sup> Further, it is seen that the body, the sense organs, and the intellect exist only so long as the Self exists, and decay as soon as the Self departs. The Self might be supposed to be non-existent if the body and the sense-organs continued to exist even after death, but as this does not take place, the dependence of the body upon the Self must be accepted as true.<sup>4</sup> The fact is that the Self is not composed of the elements; it possesses qualities different from theirs. Besides, if the Self were composed of the elements, the latter would also cease to exist when the former ceased to exist.<sup>5</sup> The Self has characteristic qualities such as knowledge, pleasure and pain; and the elements, too, for example, earth, air and fire have their own distinctive qualities: upholding, impelling and burning respectively.<sup>6</sup>

Some are of opinion that a bilious constitution produces among other things intelligence and intellect, but the theory cannot be accepted as valid. Increase or decrease of intelligence may be due to a corresponding excess or

मदशक्तिप्रतिशने किमर्थं लोकस्वात्मसपत्नः प्रयत्नः ।' P. 253. It will be seen that the Cārvāka here recognises only four elements: water, air, earth and fire. See also next Chapter (section on the Dārhaspatyas).

- 1 Sallustius, a Greek writer of the fourth century A. D., employs a similar argument in support of transmigration of Souls. "The transmigration of souls can be proved from the congenital afflictions of persons. For why are some born blind, others paralytic, others with some sickness in the soul itself?" Sallustius: *On the Gods and the world*, Eng. trans. in Murray: *Five Stages of Greek Religion*, pp. 241-267.
- 2 Empedocles likewise speaks (fr. 129) of a man of rare knowledge, believed to refer to Pythagoras, who could remember what happened ten or twenty generations before, Burnet (*op. cit.*), p. 224.
- 3 तदर्थं जस्तनेहातो रक्षोदृष्टेर्भवस्मृतेः । भूतानन्वयनाम्नीवः प्रकृतिः सनातनः ॥ P. 271.
- 4 पुंति तिष्ठति तिष्ठन्ति शरीरेन्द्रियबुद्धयः । यान्ति यातेऽन्यथैतासां सत्त्वे सत्त्वं प्रसज्यताम् ॥ P. 257.
- 5 विरहयुगलसंसारमात्मा भूतात्मको न हि । भूतलानलवातानामन्यथा न व्यवस्थितिः ॥ Ibid.
- 6 विशानमुक्तदुःखादिगुणलिङ्गः पुमानवयवः । भारजेरगदाहः क्षिपमांशारा धरादयः ॥ Ibid.

deficiency of bile, just as fire waxes and wanes in proportion to the quantity of fuel consumed, but the sharpness of intellect is always seen to be due to study and learning at the feet of a teacher: to deny this is to contradict what is self-evident. In any case, there cannot be any causal relation between bile and intelligence, because there might be plenty of intelligence even when bile is totally absent.

It follows therefore that the mind cannot be a product or attribute of the body nor can it be identical in composition with the body.<sup>1</sup>

#### PĀSUPATA DOCTRINES

Somadeva tells us that, according to the Pāsupatas, ritual alone leads to salvation, meaning thereby the system of ritual prescribed in the religious texts of the Pāsupatas. The chief Pāsupata practices mentioned by him are smearing the body with ashes in the morning, at noon and in the evening, adoration (of the idol or the phallus of Śiva or Paśupati), ceremonial offering of water-pots (probably before the idol), circumambulation from left to right, self-humiliation and other processes.<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva does not explain any of the practices mentioned above, but we can understand most of them with the help of the commentary on the *Gaṇakārikā* of Bhāsarvajña, who flourished about the middle of the tenth century, and was probably a contemporary of Somadeva.<sup>3</sup> It may be noted that the *Gaṇakārikā* is one of the very few works on the Pāsupata system so far published, and both the text and the commentary thereon have been quoted in the brief account of the Pāsupata school in the *Sarvadarśana-saṃgraha*. Passing references to Pāsupata doctrines are found also in the commentaries and sub-commentaries on the *Vedāntasūtras* 2. 2. 37 and specially in the *Āgamaprāmāṇya* of Yāmunaṃuni, the teacher of Rāmānuja; but perhaps the best extant account of the system is found in the commentary called *Ratnaṭīkā* on Bhāsarvajña's *Gaṇakārikā*.<sup>4</sup>

As regards the religious practices of the Pāsupatas mentioned by Somadeva, the *Ratna* commentary refers not only to the smearing of the

1 अथ मतम्—चित्तप्रकृतिर्धीमान् मेधावी क्रोधनोऽत्यकामश्च । प्रलेखकालपलितो भवति नरो नात्र संदेहः ॥ तत्र प्रवर्हम् । वृद्धिदानीं यथाधेः स्नामेधोत्कृष्टांपकृतैः । चित्ताधिकोनभावभ्यां बुद्धेः संप्राप्तस्तथा ॥ गुरुयासनमभ्यासो विशेषः शास्त्र-निश्चये । इति वृद्धस्य हानिः स्वात्तया च तव दर्शने ॥ कुतश्चिद् चित्तनाशेऽपि बुद्धेरतिशयेक्षणम् । कुतः प्रभवभावोऽत्र स्वाधीनाङ्गुरयोरेव ॥ × × × × एवं च सवीदं न किञ्चित् । देहात्मिका देहकार्या देहस्य च गुणो मतिः । मतत्रयं समाश्रित्य नास्त्यभ्यासस्य संभवः ॥ P. 258.

2 'त्रिकाशमसोद्वलनेज्यागङ्गुकप्रदानप्रदक्षिणीकरणात्मविह्वनादिक्रियाकाण्डमात्राभिधानादनुष्ठानात् इति पाशुपताः' P. 269.

3 See also next Chapter.

4 The *Pāsupata Sūtras* with the *Bhāṣya* of Kaupḍīnya has recently been published in Trivandrum Sanskrit Series.

body with ashes, three times a day, but to the habit of sleeping on such ashes in the shrine of the deity, and mentions also the custom of ceremonial circumambulation in the course of the devotions.<sup>1</sup> *Ijyā* is 'worship', 'adoration', the word being found in the *Ratna* commentary in connection with the worship of the phallus of Śiva.<sup>2</sup> *Ātmavidāmbana* or self-humiliation refers to a group of curious and ludicrous practices calculated to bring the devotee into contempt.

The *Ratna* commentary says that these practices are designed to create a feeling of disrespect (*apamāna*) in the minds of the people in order that the devotee may suffer humiliation, *apamāna* being compared to a forest-fire and regarded as something desirable, probably because it destroys one's pride and teaches one to be meek and mild.<sup>3</sup> This is no doubt a very curious method of inculcating humility; and we are also told that the devotee should indulge in certain antics in full view of a crowd, like an actor on the stage.<sup>4</sup> The practices in question are *krāthana* or pretending to be asleep while awake; *spandana* or shaking the limbs like one suffering from an epileptic fit; *mandana* or walking like a lame man; *śṛṅgāraṇa* or indulging in amorous gestures as if at the sight of a beautiful young woman; *apitatarāṇa* or acting in a disgraceful manner like one devoid of commonsense; and *apitadbhāṣaṇa* or uttering incoherent and meaningless words.

1 E. g., 'मागादित्योदयात् षट्कद्वयं पूर्वोक्तसंख्या ।.....मगवन्तं प्रणम्य त्वदाज्ञां करोमीत्यभिसंधाय जपकेवापादतलमस्तकं यावत् प्रभूतेन भस्मानाऽङ्गं प्रत्यङ्गं च प्रयत्नातिशयेन निघृष्य निघृष्य ज्ञानमाचरेदित्येवं मध्याह्नापराहसन्ध्ययोरपीति.....अथायतनतन्निधनं भूमदेशं दिवा.....भस्मनैव शुचिं कुर्यात् । तदनु तत्रोपनिष्य विध्यभिनि विष्टस्वावस्तिष्ठेवावदतिनिद्राभिभूतः श्रान्तश्च भवति । ततः पुनस्तथा विवेचेद्येत् । तदनु मग्नैः संस्कृत्य भस्म प्रभूतं प्रस्तरेत् । ततस्तत्र पंच भस्मानावरेयजेव स्वयेत् ।'.....निष्क्रम्येक्षं प्रणम्य प्रणामान्तं ब्रह्मणि नम्रं जपकेव शनैः कुर्यात्' etc. This is mentioned prior to the nightly vigil in the shrine of the god (p. 19). See under verse 7.

2 'मूर्तिशब्देन यदुपहारसूत्रे महादेवेज्यास्थानमूर्ध्वलिङ्गादिलक्षणं व्याख्यातम्' etc. *Ijyā* may also be equivalent to *Yāga*, a technical term of the *Pāsupatas*. The entire ritualistic process is called *Carya* which is the means to *Dharma*. *Carya* is composed of *Dana*, *Yāga* and *Tāpa*. *Dana* is self-surrender to the deity accompanied by salutations. *Yāga* is the proper execution of the prescribed ritualistic acts such as smearing the body with ashes. *Tāpa* is patient endurance of suffering in the discharge of one's religious duties. See *Kuṭnāṭikā* under verse 7. *Caryā* is called also *Vidhi* and defined as भस्मानादिर्गूढान्तः क्रियासमूहः with which may be compared the definition of *Vidhi* cited in next Chapter (section on *Pāsupatas*). *Caryā* is described also as twofold: *vrata* and the *dvāras*. Smearing the body with ashes, sleeping over them, offerings, *japa* and *pradakṣiṇa* constitute *vrata*. The *dvāras* are the practices known as *krāthana*, *spandana* etc.

3 'न चेवा क्रमो नियम्यते । किन्तुपमानादिनिषादकत्वं येन परिश्रमं गच्छेदित्युपदेशाद्वाशित्युत्पत्तेनापमानादेरिद्वयमत्वादिति ।'

4 'रज्जवदवस्थितेषु जनेषु मध्ये नटवदवस्थितो विवेच्य विवेच्य कावनादीनि कुर्यात् ।'

Salvation, according to the Pāsupatas, is not only cessation of pain but the acquisition of unlimited supernatural powers; but as far as can be judged from the scanty literature available on the doctrines of the Pāsupatas, salvation in their view does not solely depend upon ritual, as alleged by Somadeva. Caryā or ritual<sup>1</sup> is no doubt a very important factor in the Pāsupata system, but nevertheless it is only one among the five *upāyas* or means of attaining perfection in the religious life.<sup>2</sup> It is, however, possible that Somadeva may be referring to contemporary Pāsupatas, who, like all followers of ritualistic systems, may be supposed to have laid particular emphasis on Caryā or Vidhi as a means of emancipation.

Caryā, also called *cari* and *vidhikriyā*, is fully explained in Kaundinya's commentary on the *Pāsupata Sūtras* 2, 13; 3, 2; 4, 2 etc. It comprises the entire range of Pāsupata practices which are of two kinds: public and private. The public practices are the peculiar ones mentioned above, and the devotee who undertakes them in the presence of all is called *vyaktācāra*. The private observances are those which he carries out unseen by others and known as *vrata*; hence he is called *gūḍhavrata*.

The practices of *krāthana*, *maṇḍana*<sup>3</sup> and the rest are designed to hold up the devotee to ridicule and make him accustomed to humiliation, insults and censure. They are calculated to promote indifference to the world; and there is also the curious belief that the devotee thereby acquires the religious merit of the onlookers who insult him, and transfers his own sins to them.<sup>4</sup> The Pāsupata devotee who is totally devoid of worldly ties is enjoined to go about like a man not in his senses, even like a mad man, whose true nature remains unrevealed to the people at large.<sup>5</sup> The indignities which he willingly suffers appear to take the place of the austerities recognised by other schools. The *Pāsupata Sūtras* 3, 18, 19 declare, for instance, that while undergoing humiliation, the devotee, conversant with the truths, achieves the full measure of austerities. The inculcation of humility is no doubt the main purpose of

1 'भवेत्सोपायः चर्या'

2 वासश्चर्या अपथ्यानं सदाहृदस्तृप्तिस्तथा । प्रसादश्चैव लाभानामुपायाः पञ्च निश्चिताः ॥ *Gaṇakārikā* (7). The five recognised means of attaining the *lābhas* or ways of perfection are *vāsa* or intellectual discipline including the thorough comprehension and realisation of the tenets of the school and the effort to carry them into practice; *caryā* or ritual; religious meditation; concentration of the mind on Śiva as a regular and constant process; and the favour of the deity. See also next Chapter.

3 Kaundinya uses the form *maṇḍana*.

4 3, 3-9.

5 4, 6, 8.

these practices; as we are told that lack of pride born of caste and social standing is superior to all the *Yantras*, by which are meant sacrificial rites and privations such as prolonged fastings.<sup>1</sup> It may be noted that the Pāsupatas, unlike the later Virāṣaivas, recognise the caste-system. The devotee is invariably referred to as a Brāhmaṇa, and it is forbidden to talk to a Śūdra.<sup>2</sup> But the devotee must discard pride of birth; and the Pāsupata way of life, characterized by a complete disregard for personal and social decorum, is designed to result in eradication of caste rules and intensification of *vairāgya*.<sup>3</sup>

The private practices known as *vrata* are resorted to in the *āyatana*, that is, any place sacred to Śiva where the devotee may choose to reside.<sup>4</sup> He must 'bathe' himself with ashes three times a day, sleep over a bed of ashes, and cleanse himself when necessary with the holy ashes (*anusnāna*). He may not wear a wreath of fresh flowers, but take up only such flowers as have been offered to the idol of Śiva. As part of his devotions, he does mental obeisance to the deity (*namaskāra*), meditates on the sacred formulas, and resorts to certain practices which are again peculiar to the Pāsupata sect. In the shrine of the deity, he breaks out into loud laughter, sings songs in Sanskrit or Prākṛit in honour of Śiva, and indulges in dancing. He makes also a sound called *ḍumḍumkāra* (called also *huḍukkāra* in later texts) resembling the bellowing of a bull and produced by joining the tip of the tongue to the palate.<sup>5</sup> Singing and dancing as a medium of religious fervour are well-known in the history of religion. We may refer, for instance, to the early Christian sect of the Euchites, or Massalians, who, like the Pāsupatas, were quietists, lived on alms and had no possessions. They spent all their time in prayers, and indulged in frenzied dancing.<sup>6</sup> Sects like the Massalians had no organisation, but appear to have led a loosely knit communal life. The Pāsupata devotions, on the other hand, were individual and carried out in seclusion.

*Ijyā*, as explained above, is adoration; and the worship of Śiva is no doubt the central feature of the Pāsupata cult. But *ijyā* properly means *yāga* 'sacrifice'; and the Pāsupatas have their own interpretation of what sacrifice is. Kaundinya says that Yāga is *bhāvanā* or mental concentration on

1 Kaundinya 4. 9.

2 1. 13.

3 Kaundinya 3. 11 says: सर्वसंस्कारवर्जितेन अतितप्यम् । अतो वर्णाश्रमव्युच्छेदो वैराग्योत्साहश्च जायते.

4 'ग्रामे वा यदि वारण्ये पुण्यस्थानं हि शुल्लिनः । आवासो धर्मवृत्तानां सिद्धिर्धर्मं हि तत् परम् ॥' quoted by Kaundinya 1. 7.

5 Details in Kaundinya 1. 8.

6 The Massalians who have been called 'Christian fakirs' first appeared on the borders of Syria and Armenia in the latter half of the fourth century, and spread to Syria and Asia Minor. Kidd: *A History of the Church*, Vol. II, p. 373.



**Maheśvara to the exclusion of any other deity.<sup>1</sup>** Further, we have the doctrine of *atiyajana* or higher sacrifice in contrast to *buyajana* or the inferior sacrificial rites of the Vedic religion, so called on account of *himsā* and other defects inherent in them. The *atiyajana* is, however, nothing more than the Pāsupata scheme of discipline comprising the religious practices collectively known as *Caryā*.<sup>2</sup>

The Pāsupatas had, as a matter of fact, no elaborate ritual like that of the Śaivas, who had their *Agamas*, *Tantras* and *Paddhatis* dealing with the subject. They worshipped Śiva, the *lingam* or any other image of the god, *Vṛṣadhvaṇa*, *Sūlapāṇi*, *Nandi* or *Mahākāla*. An important proviso laid down in the Pāsupata Sūtras is that the worshipper should have in view the *Dakṣiṇāmūrti* of Śiva, that is, he should stand on the southern side of the deity, turning his face towards the north.<sup>3</sup> Stress is also laid on the meditation of the *Pranava*; and the devotee repeats various holy *mantras* which invoke the different aspects of Maheśvara.<sup>4</sup> The *Sādhaka* no doubt worships the image of Śiva, but his attention is directed to the incorporeal aspect of the deity. Pāsupata worship is really self-surrender (*atidāna*) to the Supreme Being, who is without any sense organ, beyond the senses, pervasive and self-existent; who sees without eyes and hears without ears; has no intellect, but has nothing outside the scope of His knowledge; and knows all, but has no knower.<sup>5</sup>

Somadeva criticizes the Pāsupatas by pointing out that religious acts are useless without knowledge and faith. He opines that if a man is devoid of knowledge, his action is barren of result: the blind may enjoy the shade of a tree, but not the beauty of its fruits. Further, knowledge is useless in the case of one who is lame, that is, unable to act, and so is action in the case of a blind unbeliever; it is the combination of knowledge, action and faith that leads to the realisation of the summum bonum.<sup>6</sup> Somadeva

1 Kaundinya 2. 9 says: यद्व्यो भगवान् महेश्वरः । वचनं भावना. Cf. गच्छंतिहन् शयानो वा जाग्रथैव स्वपंतथा । शङ्करे भावनां कुर्याद् यदीच्छेद् योगमात्मनः ॥ quoted by Kaundinya on *Pāsupata Sūtras* 2. 20: नाभ्यसक्तिस्तु शङ्करे.

2 Kaundinya 2. 15 says: अतियजनं नाम यदायतने लोके वा । तत्रायतने ज्ञानवसिताया लोके च क्रावन्त्य-  
न्दमाया विधिक्रिया.

3 1. 9.

4 For example, 'वामदेवाय नमो ज्योत्स्नाय नमो रुद्राय नमः', 'काळाय नमः', 'कलविकरणाय नमः' 'वृक्षप्रमथनाय नमः', 'मनोऽमनाय नमः'. The last *mantra* sums up the Pāsupata conception of God.

5 2. 15, 27.

6 ज्ञानहीने क्रिया पुंति परं नारभते कलम् । तरोऽम्बुवैव किं कथ्या कलभीर्नष्टदृष्टिभिः ॥ ज्ञानं पशौ क्रिया चान्ये निःशब्दे नाप्यङ्गुलयम् । ततो ज्ञानक्रियाभ्यामननं तत्त्वदर्शनम् ॥ P. 271.

concludes his remarks by quoting a verse, the purport of which is that knowledge without action is useless as is action without knowledge; a blind man, if he runs, comes to grief and so does a lame man, even though he has the power of seeing. उक्तं च—

इदं ज्ञानं किवाद्यत्वं इत्ता चाज्ञानिनः क्रिया । धावन्त्यन्धो नष्टः पश्यन्ति च पशुकः ॥ Vol. II, p. 271

#### THE KULĀCĀRYAS AND TRIKAMATA

Somadeva tells us that, according to the Kulācāryas, that is, Tāntrikas, salvation results from unhesitating indulgence in all kinds of food and drink, forbidden or otherwise.<sup>1</sup> It may be noted that another Jaina writer, Yaśaḥpāla, the author of the allegorical drama *Moharājapardjaya*, written two centuries later, gives about the same definition of the views of the Kaulas or Kulācāryas. The Kaula in this play declares that one should daily take meat and drink heavily, that being the religion taught by him, allowing free scope to one's desires.<sup>2</sup>

The views of the Kulācāryas are identified by Somadeva with Trikamata. According to this system, one should, after indulging in meat and drink, worship Śiva with wine in company with a female partner sitting on one's left during the rites: the worshipper is to play the rôle of Śiva united with Pārvatī and exhibit the Yonimudrā.<sup>3</sup> This is, generally speaking, a more or less accurate picture of Tāntric ritual as elaborated in texts like *Kulārṇavatāntra* and *Kulacūdāmanītāntra*, although many of the details are unintelligible and obscure. The use of wine and meat is a conspicuous feature of the cult. As regards relations with the other sex, the *Kulacūdāmanītāntra*, for instance, gives a colourful description of the worshipper setting about the mystic rites at night in company with his partner, perfumed and dressed in red and richly adorned with gold ornaments; she sits on a cushion to his left and he gracefully clasps her around with his arm.<sup>4</sup> It should, however, be remembered that ceremonial worship of women of all castes without any distinction is an important feature of Tāntric ritual;<sup>5</sup> but the use of meat and wine for religious purposes and freedom of association with women must have led to abuses, and Somadeva

1 'सर्वेषु पेयापेयमक्षयामक्ष्यादिषु निःशङ्कचित्तादृतात् इति कुलाचार्यकाः ।' The term कुलाचार्य is met with in Tāntrik texts, e. g. in *Kulārṇavatāntra*, chap. II.

2 खल्वहं मंसं अणुदिणु पिच्छं मज्जं च मुक्कसं कर्षं । अणिबारिवमणपसरो एसो धम्मो मए दिट्ठो ॥ IV. 22

3 'तथा च त्रिकमतोक्तिः—सदिशमोदयेदुरवश्नस्तत्तरसत्प्रसन्नहृदयः सम्प्रपार्थविनिवेशितशक्तिः शक्तिमुद्रासनधरः स्वयमुत्तमहेस्वरायमाणः कृष्णया शर्वाङ्गशरमाराधयेत् इति ।' P. 269.

4 Chap. 3. See also *Kulārṇava*, chap. 10 (चतुर्वारे कुलेशानि कान्तामारुहयौवनान् etc.).

5 Ibid. 3. 16, 17. Cf. *Kulārṇava*, chap. 11—या कचिदङ्गना लोके सा मातृकुलसंभवा ।

has no doubt based his definition of Kaula views on what he saw and heard in his own days. The *Kulārnavatantra* (Chap. 9) says, like Somadeva, that the Kaulikas do not observe any restriction with regard to food and drink,<sup>1</sup> and goes on to declare that for them exists no injunction or prohibition, virtue or vice, heaven or hell.<sup>2</sup> But the Kaula devotee is described also as a man free from desires, ever content, impartial and chaste, without any striving and desire for heaven, and conversant with the highest truths.<sup>3</sup> The Kaula mystics go about the world in different guises, doing good to men, inscrutable and unperceived by others.<sup>4</sup> The Kaula ideal is, it is true, to eat, drink and be merry, but it is also one of concord and amity, for the Kaula is enjoined not to make any distinction between "You" and "I".<sup>5</sup> Salvation, according to the Kaula system, seems to be union with Śiva to be attained by knowledge, ignorance being destroyed by the performance of one's religious duties.<sup>6</sup> Somadeva's definition of Kaula views does not take into consideration this aspect of the cult; and he criticizes the Kaula standpoint by asserting that if salvation was the outcome of reckless living, it would sooner come to the *thugs* and butchers than to the Kaulas.<sup>7</sup>

Somadeva, as we have seen, treats the Kaula doctrine as identical with Trikamata, to which there is another reference in Book I. We are told that the young prince Māradata considered his body to be divine like one initiated into the Trika doctrine.<sup>8</sup> The commentary of Śrutasaṅgāra takes Trikamata to mean Śaiva doctrine; and the divine character of the body seems to be a tenet common to the Śaiva and Tāntrika systems. The *Kulārnavatantra* (Chap. 9) says, for instance, that the body is the abode of the gods, while the Self is Lord Sadāśiva himself.<sup>9</sup> The doctrine is found in a more developed form in the *Sūtasamhitā* (belonging to the *Skandapurāṇa*), a comprehensive work of the Advaita school of Śaivism. The *Sūtasamhitā* says among other things that the various organs are presided

1 अथैवमपि येषं स्वादमयं भक्ष्यमेव च । अगम्यमपि गम्यं स्वात् कौलिकानां कुलेभरि ॥

2 न विधिर्न निषेधः स्वाद्यं पुण्यं न च पातकम् । न स्वर्गो नैव नरकः कौलिकानां कुलेभरि ॥ Ibid.

3 निन्त्यहो निस्संशुद्धः समदर्शी चित्तेन्द्रियः । स्वर्गहीनोऽप्रयासी च योगी परमतत्त्वविद् ॥ Ibid.

4 योगिनो विविधैर्बैरराणां हितकारिणः । अमन्त्रि पृथिवीमेतामविज्ञातस्वरूपिणः ॥ Ibid. The expression कुलयोगी is frequently used.

5 पिबन् मयं वमन् स्वादन् खेच्छन् चारपरायणः । अहं स्वमनयोरेक्यं भावयेन्नियसेद् दुस्तम् ॥ Ibid.

6 कर्मयोगान्मुक्तिरेऽकाये कानेन शिवतां ब्रजेत् । शिवैक्यस्यैव मुक्तिः स्वादतः कर्म समापयेत् ॥ Ibid.

7 निष्कृष्टात्मप्रवृत्तेः स्वाद्यदि मोक्षसमीक्षणम् । उक्त्युक्ताकृतां पूर्वं वधात् कौलेभ्यसौ भवेत् ॥ P. 271.

8 'सकलजनसाधारणेऽपि स्वदेहे त्रिकमतदीक्षितस्यैव देवभूयेनाभिविनिश्चिमानस्य'. Vol. I, p. 43.

9 'देहो देवाकनो देवि जीवो देवः सदाशिवः'.

over by various deities; for example, the sun is the deity of the eye, Varuna that of the tongue, Fire that of speech and so on. Moreover, five deities are said to abide in the body composed of the five elements: Brahman in the earthy portion, Īśvara in the airy portion, Viṣṇu in the watery portion, Rudra in the fiery portion, and Sadāśiva himself in the portion of the body composed of ether. For this reason the body, whether one's own or that of another, should be honoured as having a divine character (*devatāmaya*); no one should be despised even by mistake, and even a fool or a villain should be respected as possessing a body that is divine.<sup>1</sup> Similar views are expressed in the *Sivapurāṇa* (*Sanatkumārasaṁhitā*, Chap. 39).<sup>2</sup>

A passing reference to Tantric doctrine as Mantravāda dealing with the mystic diagrams or Yantras occurs in Book I.<sup>3</sup>

#### ŚAIVA DOCTRINES

Śaiva doctrines are prominently dealt with in the episode of Candakarman in *Yasastilaka*, Book V (pp. 251, 254 ff.); and the discussion is of particular interest in view of the struggle of Jainism against the rising tide of Śaivism in certain parts of India in the age of Somadeva and after. Haraprabodha, one of the companions of Candakarman, is a Śaiva and declares that Lord Śiva has two ways of doing good to the world: the Dakṣiṇa Mārga or the Righthand Path and the Vāmamārga or the Lefthand Path.<sup>4</sup> Of these the Righthand Path is meant for general usage,<sup>5</sup> and two verses are quoted to illustrate its principles (Vol. II, p. 251):

प्रपञ्चरहितं ज्ञानं प्रपञ्चरहितो गुरुः । प्रपञ्चरहितं ज्ञानं प्रपञ्चरहितः शिवः ॥

शिवं शक्तिविनाशेन ये शान्तिं नराधमाः । ते भूमिरहितादीनां सन्तु नूनं कलोकमाः ॥

To these may be added another verse quoted in VI. 19 (Vol. II, p. 317):

अद्वैताच्च परं तत्त्वं न देवः शंकरात् परः । शैवशास्त्रात् परं नास्ति शुक्तिशुक्तिप्रदं वचः ॥

The first verse declares that the Śāstra, the Teacher, the true knowledge, and Śiva himself are without any connection with *prapañca* or worldly phenomena. The second verse emphasizes the organic connection between Śiva and Śakti, and declares that to accept Śiva without accepting Śakti is like expecting a harvest from seeds without the intermediary of earth.

1 *Yajñavalkyaśāstra*, *Sūtagītā* 4. 22 ff. and 7. 3 ff. Cf. अतश्च भोगमोक्षयोर् शरीरं देवतामयम् । स्वकीयं परकीयं च पूजयेत् विज्ञेयतः ॥ Ibid. 7. 28 etc.

2 'इदं शरीरं विमेषं सर्वदेवमयं कृत्तु' etc.

3 'मन्त्रादोक्तिविषय विविचयप्रकाशिनीपु'. Vol. I, p. 39.

4 'भगवतो हि भर्गस्य सकलजगदमुपहस्यो दक्षिणो वामश्च' P. 251.

5 'तत्र लोकसंचरणार्थं दक्षिणो मार्गः' For the Dakṣiṇa Mārga see also Chap. XIII.

The third verse declares that there is no truth higher than non-duality, no god higher than Śiva, and no science more capable of guaranteeing happiness as well as liberation than the Śaiva doctrine.

The three verses quoted by Somadeva may be said to sum up the doctrines of the Advaita school of Śaivism, as propounded in texts like the *Śivapurāṇa*, the *Sūtasamhitā*,<sup>1</sup> and the *Īśvaragītā* incorporated in the *Kūrmapurāṇa*. The doctrines represent a Śaiva adaptation of the views of Advaita Vedānta, whose doctrine of non-duality is mentioned with approval in the *Śivapurāṇa* (*Jñānasamhitā*).<sup>2</sup> The latter text, in one place, uses the significant expression *advaita-śaiva-veda* to denote the Śaiva system and its antagonism to the conception of *dvaita* or duality.<sup>3</sup> The Śaiva doctrine, as developed in the aforesaid texts, postulates absolute non-duality and denies the reality of *prapañca* and *saṁsāra*, that is, worldly phenomena and the course of mundane life.<sup>4</sup> Śiva alone exists self-luminous; and the universe being an outcome of his own Power, nothing exists apart from the Supreme Deity.<sup>5</sup> Śakti, the inherent and conscious Power of Śiva, creates the universe according to his will; and this Power, without beginning and end, is called *Māyā*, the cause of the material world.<sup>6</sup> No relationship is possible between the visible phenomena and the Supreme Soul, just as there cannot be any connection between darkness and light;<sup>7</sup> but the universe is ultimately merged in Śiva, just as foam and waves rise from the ocean and are merged in the ocean.<sup>8</sup> 'Knowledge free from worldly phenomena' (*prapañca-rahita*

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2 See Chapter 78 (परं वेदान्तिनो नित्यमद्वैतप्रतिपादिनः etc.)

3 'अद्वैतश्चैव वेदोऽयं द्वैतं न सङ्गते कश्चित्'. *Śivapurāṇa* (*Kailāśasamhitā* 10. 166). The expression *शिवद्वैत* occurs in verse 96.

4 Cf. एकः स भिद्यते भ्रान्त्या मायया न स्वरूपतः । तस्मादद्वैतमेवास्ति न प्रपञ्चो न संसृतिः ॥ *Sūtasamhitā* (*Jñānayogakhaṇḍa* 20. 4). स्वस्वरूपतया स्वयमेव स प्रस्फुरत्यमलः परमेश्वरः । न प्रपञ्चविभासनमस्त्वतः कस्यचिच्च न बन्धनमोचने ॥ *Ibid.* (*Yajñavalkyaibhavaṇḍa* 15. 30).

5 अतश्च संक्षेपमिदं कृणुष्व जगत्समस्तं चिदचित्समिन्नम् । स्वशक्तिवत्तत्तं शिवमात्रमेव न देवदेवाण्यदृशसि किञ्चित् ॥ *Ibid.* 12. 29.

6 माया माहेश्वरी शक्तिः सत्त्वादिगुणभेदतः । जीवमाक्रम्य संसारे भ्रामयत्यनिर्गुणं दिवाः ॥...अतो मायामयः साक्षात् संसारः सर्वदेहिनाम् etc. *Ibid.* 2. 42 ff. आद्या सैका परा शक्तिश्चिन्मयी शिवसंभया ।...सैका परा च चिद्रूपा शक्तिः प्रसवधर्मिणी । विभज्य बहुधा विश्वं विदधाति शिवेच्छया ॥ सा मूलप्रकृतिर्मोया त्रिगुणा त्रिविधा स्मृता । *Śivapurāṇa* (*Vāyaśāmyasamhitā* 5. 13 ff.)

7 यथा प्रपञ्चशतमसौः संबन्धो नोपपद्यते । तद्वदेव न संबन्धः प्रपञ्चपरमात्मनोः ॥ छायातपौ यथा लोके परस्परविरुद्धौ । तद्वत् प्रपञ्चपुरुषौ विभिन्नौ परमार्थतः ॥ *Īśvaragītā* 2. 10, 11 (*Kūrmapurāṇa*, *Uparibhāga*).

8 यथा केनतरङ्गादि समुद्रादुत्थितं पुनः । समुद्रे लीयते तद्वज्जगन्मय्येव लीयते ॥ *Sūtasamhitā* (*Jñānayogakhaṇḍa* 20. 20). It is stated in the same Chapter (verse 5) that just as the *ākāśa* is called *ghaṭākāśa* and *mahākāśa*, similarly the One Soul is called by the ignorant both *Jīva* and *Īśvara*.

*jñānam*) seems to refer to the state of *samādhi*, in which the devotee no longer perceives the objects of the world and becomes united with the Supreme Soul.<sup>1</sup> 'The Teacher free from worldly phenomena' (*prapañca-rahito guruḥ*) is the religious preceptor, who is identified with Śiva, and, in the ultimate resort, Śiva himself.<sup>2</sup> The indispensable and inseparable connection between Śiva and Śakti, set forth by Haraprabodha, is frequently emphasized in Śaiva texts and forms a fundamental dogma of the Śaiva system.<sup>3</sup>

The Vāmamārga or the Lefthand Path devised by Śiva is described as leading to pleasure as well as salvation,<sup>4</sup> and corresponds to the grosser aspect of the Tantric cult. The following verse is cited by Haraprabodha to illustrate the Vāmamārga (Vol II, p. 251):

अग्निवद् सर्वभक्षोऽपि भवभक्तिपरायणः । मुक्तिं जीवन्वाप्नोति मुक्तिं तु लभते मृतः ॥

'One who is devoted to Śiva obtains pleasure in life and release on death, even though he is omnivorous like Fire.'

The verse quoted from the poet Bhāsa<sup>5</sup> as a further illustration of the Vāmamārga advocates the pleasures of love and wine, and completes the picture of the Path as one of gross sensualism combined with devotion to Śiva. It goes without saying that the Advaita school of Śaivism condemns the Vāmamārga as non-Vedic and hindering the rise of true knowledge.<sup>6</sup> The former school glorifies *bhakti*, and asserts that it is Śiva, united with Śakti, that vouchsafes joy as well as liberation, and shines in the hearts of those who are sincerely devoted to him.<sup>7</sup>

Sudatta's reply to Haraprabodha provides a good example of Jaina polemic against Śaivism, and enables us to have an idea of the chief points at issue between the two schools of thought. The following verse quoted by

1 यदा सर्वणि भूतानि समाविश्यो न पश्यति । एकीभूतः परेणासी तदा भवति केवलः ॥ Ibid. (verse 25). Also सदा साक्षिस्वरूपत्वाच्छिव एवास्मि केवलः । इति वीर्यो मुनिश्चेह सा समाधिरिहोच्यते ॥ Ibid.

2 सविकारान् राजसादीन् गुणान् रुन्धे व्यपोहति । गुणातीतः परशिवो गुरुर्हं समाश्रितः ॥ *Śivapurāṇa* (*Vidyāśvarasamhitā* 16. 84). The conception of Śiva as Ācārya occurs in Bhoja's *Tattvapraśāna* 1. 15 (योजयति परे तस्वे स दीप्त्याचार्यभूतिः).

3 Cf. न शिवेन विना शक्तिर्न शक्तिरहितः शिवः । उभयार्थकरश्चोरेक्यं नः पश्यति स पश्यति ॥ *Sūtasamhitā* *Yajñavalkyaśāstra* 13. 30). एवं परस्परपेक्षा शक्तिशक्तिमतोः स्थितिः । न शिवेन विना शक्तिर्न शक्त्या च विना शिवः ॥ *Śivapurāṇa* (*Vāyaviyasamhitā* 5. 12). शक्तिशक्तिमदुत्थं तु शक्तं शैवमिदं जगत् । Ibid. (verse 37).

4 'भुक्तिमुक्तिपदस्तु वाममार्गः परमार्थः' (Printed text reads परमार्थतः) P. 251.

5 See Chap. XVIII.

6 वामपाशुपतादीनामश्रौतानां परिग्रहः । पाञ्चरात्राश्रयश्चापि ज्ञानानुत्पत्तिकारणम् ॥ *Sūtasamhitā* (*Muktikhaṇḍa* 6. 12).

7 भक्तिभुक्तजनचित्तपङ्कजे भुक्तिमुक्तिफलदः पुराणतः । शक्तिभुक्तपरविग्रहः शिवः सत्यमेव सततं प्रकाशते ॥ *Yajñavalkyaśāstra* 26. 39. The chapter in question deals with *Śivabhakti*.

Somadeva and put in the mouth of Sudatta (P. 254) records the Jaina objections to the theory of Śiva being the source of scriptural knowledge. तदुक्तम्—

यथा वैव सदाशिवो विकरमकलात् परो रामबाद् द्वैविज्वात्परं कृषीवमिति चेत्तत् कल द्वैवीरयत् ।

सत्यम् चेद् परकीयवा कथमसौ सद्भावसंभवतः संवन्धोऽपि न जायतीति भवतां शास्त्रं निराकम्पयत् ॥

The idea of the verse is that Sadāśiva cannot be the expounder of a system, since he is incorporeal nor can this rôle be attributed to the deity in his corporeal aspect, for example, to Śiva as the consort of Pārvatī, because as such he is subject to passion, which makes him unfit for the task. A third alternative is lacking; and it cannot be urged that he expounds the system by means of an extraneous Śakti or Power, because he cannot be supposed to possess any such Power owing to the absence of any integral relationship between the two. It follows therefore that the *sāstra* of the Śaivas is without any authoritative foundation.<sup>1</sup> This dismisses another claim of the Śaivas that a very rare *sāstra* originated from Śiva in the form of Nāda or Sound.<sup>2</sup>

Sudatta then points out certain inconsistencies in the Śaiva doctrine resulting from the two mutually conflicting conceptions of Śiva, the corporeal Rudra and the incorporeal Sadāśiva. The Jaina sage argues that if Rudra is regarded as omniscient, even though he is subject to passion and similar affections, that will contradict Patañjali's definition of Īśvara or the Supreme Being as one untouched by passions, acts, consequences and impressions, and hence possessing the highest degree of omniscience. It is a fallacy to associate omniscience and passion with the same person; and a conception of Rudra, worldly yet omniscient, contradicts also the assertion that Śiva possesses the qualities of freedom from passion, self-control, and omniscience besides irresistible might, contentment, supreme bliss, and untrammelled energy.<sup>3</sup>

Sudatta continues the argument and shows that the conception of the incorporeal Sadāśiva also involves similar contradictions. The poet Grahila,<sup>4</sup> for instance, in his hymn to Sadāśiva, speaks of the phallus of the god and the inability of Brahman and Viṣṇu to find out its limit, and refers also to the burning of the three cities of the demons by Śiva when the earth became his chariot, Indra his charioteer, the sun and the moon the chariot-wheels and so on.<sup>5</sup> Further, there is another aspect of Sadāśiva which is not in keeping with the character of an incorporeal being. Sudatta quotes in this

1 For another attack on the Śaivaśāstra see Chap. X.

2 'द्वं च सतीर्ष न संगच्छते—अद्वैतविग्रहाच्छास्त्राच्छिवात् परमकारणात् । नादरूपं समुत्पन्नं शास्त्रं परमदुर्लभम् ॥' Vol. II, p. 255.

3 "तामादिभिर्गुणैस्तस्मात् तद्वत्त्वात्तायां 'क्लेशकर्मविपाकाशुभैरपराधैः पुरुषविशेष ईश्वर' इति, 'देशधर्मप्रतिहतं सद्गो विराजः' इति च विरुध्यते." For the verse in question see Chap. XVIII.

4 See Chap. XVIII.

5 For the verse in question see Chap. XVIII.



connection a verse, which says that a living creature is steeped in ignorance and not a master of his own destinies, and goes to heaven or hell, as directed by *Īśvara* or *Śiva* (Vol. II, p. 255):

अज्ञो जन्तुर्जीवोऽयमात्मनः सुखदुःखयोः । ईश्वरप्रेरितो गच्छेत् स्वर्गं वा इवमेव वा ॥

It may be noted that the verse is cited in many texts<sup>1</sup> as an illustration of the supreme power of God, and incorporated in the *Śivapurāṇa*<sup>2</sup> to show that a sentient being is nothing but a plaything in the hand of Śiva.<sup>3</sup> What is important is that the Śaiva system regards Śiva as the *preraka* or *prerayitā*, the great moving or directing force of the universe.<sup>4</sup> Bhoktā or the Self, Bhogya or Matter and Prerayitā or the Mover are, as a matter of fact, three fundamental concepts of the Śaiva system;<sup>5</sup> and the moving power is known also as the *Kriyāśakti* of Śiva.<sup>6</sup> The Jainas, however, regard this as inconsistent with the conception of Śiva as the incorporeal *Sadāśiva*. Sudatta contends that it is impossible for the ethereal *Sadāśiva* to move others; and it is also doubtful whether one who is himself never moved by others should be able to move any one else.<sup>7</sup>

The Jainas attack also the conception of Śiva as the creator of the universe.<sup>8</sup> Sudatta begins his argument by quoting a verse in which Śiva is addressed as the primeval architect of the universe (P. 255):

भोग्यात्माहुः प्रकृतिस्त्वय्यश्चेतनासक्तिशून्यां भोक्ता नैनां परिणमयितुं बन्धवर्ती समर्थः ।

भोग्येऽप्यस्मिन् भवति मिथुने पुष्कलस्तत्र हेतुर्नीलम्रीच स्वमसि भुवनस्थापनासूत्रधारः ॥

The sense of the verse is that the Bhoktā or the Soul in bondage cannot evolve any change in unconscious Matter, called Bhogyā or Prakṛti; and the interaction of the two is entirely due to the initiative of Śiva, who sets in motion the process of cosmic evolution.<sup>9</sup> The Jainas, however, do not admit the existence of a personal creator of the universe; and Sudatta utters the following verse which sums up the Jaina objection (P. 256):

कर्ता न तावदिह कोऽपि विवेक्यवा वा इहोऽप्यथा कटकृतावपि स प्रसंगः ।

कार्यं किमत्र सद्नादिवु तत्प्रकाराद्वा चेत् त्रिशुबनं पुरुषः करोति ॥

The idea of the verse is that no one who creates the world by intellect or will

1 See *Naiṣadhacarita*, Trans., Appendix I, p. 509.

2 *Vāyaviya-saṁhitā*, chap. 4.

3 'लीलासाधनभूतोऽयमीश्वरश्चेति सूरयः' Ibid. (verse 62).

4 Cf. माया प्रकृतिरुद्दिष्टा पुरुषो माययावृणः । संबन्धो मल्लकर्मण्यां शिवः प्रेरक ईश्वरः ॥ *Śivapurāṇa* (*Vāyaviya-saṁhitā*, 1. 4. 18). सर्वेषामेव भावानामन्तरा समवस्थितः । प्रेरयामि जगत् कृत्स्नं क्रियाशक्तिरियं मम ॥ *Īśvaragītā* 6. 5.

5 भोक्ता भोग्यं प्रेरयिता मन्तव्यं त्रिविधं स्मृतम् । नातः परं विज्ञानज्ञिवैदितव्यं हि किञ्चन ॥ *Śivapurāṇa* (op. cit. verse 73).

6 *Īśvaragītā* (op. cit.).

7 आकाशवक्ष्यस्व सदाशिवस्य परंप्रति प्रेरकता न युक्ता । स्वयं पराप्रेरित एव संसृज्येत् परप्रेरयितेति चिन्तय ॥ P. 255.

8 Cf. *Śivapurāṇa* (*Vāyaviya-saṁhitā* I. 4. 65 ff.).

9 Cf. 'क्षोभयामि च सर्गादौ प्रधानपुरुषावुभौ' *Īśvaragītā* 6. 8. प्रकृतिः क्षरमित्युक्तं पुरुषोऽक्षर उच्यते । तावमी प्रेरयत्यन्यः स परः परमेश्वरः ॥ *Śivapurāṇa*, (op. cit. verse 16).

has ever been seen; and if an invisible creator is postulated, even the making of a mat might be attributed to him. Further, if there is really some one who builds up the universe, there will be nothing left for carpenters and others to do!<sup>1</sup>

Further, Sudatta contends that the conception of Īśvara is redundant, because what is called Īśvara is only another name for Karma. He quotes a verse which records the synonyms of Purākṛta or Karma done in previous births, and among these Īśvara is also included (p. 256):

विधिर्विधाया विधतिः स्वभावः काको ग्रहोच्चरदैवकर्म ।

सुखाणि भाग्यानि तथा कृतान्तः पर्वायवामानि पुराकृतस्य ॥

It cannot be urged that Karma, being insentient, is powerless to serve as an agent for the enjoyment or suffering of others.<sup>2</sup> Insentient objects like jewels, magnet and wind are known to have the power of acting upon other objects, and the same is true of Karma.<sup>3</sup> Sudatta in this connection quotes a verse from a work named *Ratnaparikṣā*<sup>4</sup> in order to prove the miraculous efficacy of jewels in counteracting evils even from a distance. However that may be, the rôle of shaping the destinies of creatures is assigned exclusively to Karma; and the position of God, even if he exists, is reduced to that of a servant.<sup>5</sup> The Jaina doctrine of Karma is calculated to exalt the Self and inculcate self-reliance, since each individual has to solve the problem of existence and liberation by his personal effort. The emphasis is always upon Karma; and Sudatta concludes his sermon by quoting a verse, which declares that the Self by itself acts and reaps the consequences of its deeds, by itself it passes through worldly existence, and by itself is liberated from its bonds (p. 256):

स्वयं कर्म करोत्यात्मा स्वयं तत्फलमश्नुते । स्वयं ज्ञमति संसारे स्वयं तस्माद्विमुच्यते ॥

It should be noted that the universe in the Jaina view is uncreated, eternal and endless,<sup>6</sup> hence the objection to the theory of a personal creator, God or Śiva. It will also be seen that the controversy between Jainism and Śaivism centering round the problem of creation resolved itself into one between the theories of Karma and God; and the identifica-

1 The verse occurs in *Yasastilaka* 2. 139. The theory of creation is also ridiculed in a verse in Book VIII, section 37, which says that Śiva creates the mountains and the earth as well as pots and huts! वरुणीपरपरणिप्रभृतिं सृजति, ननु निपटृहादि गितेष्टः करोति, Vol. II, p. 388.

2 'कथमचेतनं कर्म परोपयोगार्थं प्रवर्तत इति चेत्तत्र ।' P. 256.

3 रक्षायस्कान्तवातादेरचितोऽपि परं प्रति । यथा क्रियानिमित्तत्वं कर्मणोऽपि तथा भवेत् ॥ P. 256.

4 See Chap. XVIII.

5 विधिः कर्मकरादीनां चेतनानां सचेतनात् । इष्टा चेष्टा विधेयेषु जगत्सदृशि तास्तु वः ॥ P. 256. Ms. A remarks इरे चेष्टा भवतु वो युष्माकं लब्धा इष्टा । सर्वेषां दास इवेति भावः ।

6 See Chap. X.

tion of Śiva with God was facilitated by the fact that the word *Īvara* means both Śiva and God.

Another point at issue between Śaivism and Jainism is the question of omniscience; and it must be said to the credit of Somadeva that he fully reproduces the Śaiva point of view in the course of his exposition of Jaina doctrines.<sup>1</sup> The Śaivas point out, with reference to the Jaina conception of Tirthamkara or Supreme Teacher, that the Jainas regard a human being as *āpta* or omniscient, despite the fact that it is extremely difficult for a human being to attain omniscience. Even supposing that a Tirthakara is omniscient, it will be necessary to find out his teacher, because no man can acquire knowledge by his own effort without the help of a teacher. If it is said that the teacher of a Tirthakara is another Tirthakara, one will have to discover the teacher of the latter as well and so on, until we are faced with the absurdity of an endless series of Tirthakaras and their teachers. The only way to avoid such a situation is to accept either Sadāśiva or Śiva, the consort of Pārvatī, as the teacher of a Tirthakara; and the Śaivas in this connection cite the authority of the *Yogasūtras* 1. 26, which declare *Īvara* to be the eternal teacher of all primeval teachers.<sup>2</sup> The Śaivas also assert that a very rare *śāstra* arose from the incorporeal and quiescent Śiva in the form of Sound, the implication being that such a Being is fit to be the *guru* of a Tirthakara.<sup>3</sup> Further, they contend that there should only be one *Āpta* or Omniscient Being. There cannot be a multitude of *āptas* like that of other creatures; and there is no reason why there should be only twenty-four of them, that being the number of Tirthakaras recognised by the Jainas.<sup>4</sup>

Somadeva replies that a Tirthakara who possesses three kinds of supernatural knowledge is not the person to require the help of a teacher,<sup>5</sup> and tries to meet the Śaiva objections by showing that the Tirthakaras are not the only persons who have attained knowledge of the highest truths by their own initiative. As an illustration of this, Somadeva cites a legend concerning the rise of the Vaiśeṣika system of philosophy, according to which the knowledge of the six categories spontaneously dawned upon the

1 *Yasastilaka*, Book VI, section 2.

2 'अथैवं प्रत्यवतिष्ठत्सर्वः—भवतां समये किञ्च मनुजः सन्नामो भवति तस्य चासतासीव दुर्वयः ।.....मनुष्यस्याधिकवित्तं तत्त्वावबोधो न स्वतत्त्वादादौनाभावात् । परमेश्वरं कोऽसौ परः । तीर्थं करोऽन्यो वा । तीर्थं करोत्येवमन्येवं पर्यनुबोधे प्रकृतमनुबोधे तस्यादनवस्था । तदभावमाप्तसङ्गात् च बाष्पज्ञिः सदाशिवः शिवापतिर्वा तस्य तत्त्वोपदेशकः प्रतिश्रोतव्यः । तदाह पतञ्जलिः—स पूर्वेषामपि गुरुः कालेनानवच्छेदात् ।' Vol. II, p. 276.

3 'अष्टविमहाच्छान्ताच्छिवात्.....' (see above). The verse is quoted twice, in Books V and VI, 2, pp. 255, 276.

4 'तथातेनैकेन भवितव्यम् । न क्षाप्तानामितरप्राणिबहूनाः समन्ति । समये वा चतुर्विंशतिरिति नियमः कौतस्तुत इति.....'

5 तत्त्वभावनयोज्यतं जन्मान्तरसमुत्थया । हितहितविवेकाय यस्य ज्ञानमयं परम् ॥ दृष्टादृष्टमवैख्यं रूपवन्तमथावधेः । हृदेः हृदिसमाधेयं क्षतौ परमप्रेक्षताम् ॥ P. 277.

sage Kaṇāda in Benares; and Śiva, in the form of an owl, exhorted him to communicate the divine revelation to the Brāhmaṇas.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva does not mention the source of his story, but it seems to be a variation of the popular legend that Śiva, assuming the shape of an owl (*ulūka*), communicated the Vaiśeṣika philosophy to Kaṇāda, whence the name *Aulūkyā* given to that system.<sup>2</sup> The crucial point, however, is that even the highest truths can be known by one's own efforts without instruction by a teacher; it is therefore futile to foist an imaginary preceptor upon the Jaina Tirthakaras. As regards their number, there is nothing abnormal about it, since there are many things in the world of which a considerable number is known to exist, for instance, lunar days, stars, planets, oceans, mountains and the rest.<sup>3</sup>

It may be noted that the controversy between the Śaivas and the Jainas on the subject of omniscience is at the bottom a contest between two rival conceptions, the Śaivas reserving the term *sarvajña* 'omniscient' for Śiva and the Jainas doing the same for each one of their Tirthakaras. The Jaina standpoint will be clear from their definition of Āpta.<sup>4</sup> As regards Śiva, he is consistently called *sarvajña* in Śaiva texts,<sup>5</sup> and omniscience is one of the five *śaktis* attributed to him.<sup>6</sup>

The Jainas attack also the doctrine of Śiva and Śakti, to which prominence is given in Śaiva works. Somadeva attempts to prove that the relationship between Śiva and Śakti is a fiction, because the supposed connection can be described neither as *samyoga* 'conjunction' nor as *samavāya* 'inherence'. He points out that, according to the Yauga doctrine, that is, the Nyāya theory,<sup>7</sup> *samyoga* or conjunction is possible only between two substances; but *śakti* or potency is not a substance, hence there can be no *samyoga* between Śiva and Śakti. Nor can *samavāya* or inherence be supposed to be the basis of relationship between Śiva and Śakti. According to the Vaiśeṣika theory, *samavāya* or inherence is the permanent relation between two things which are not known to exist separately, for example, a quality and the qualified. Śakti is, however, known to exist and operate

1 'कथमन्यथा स्वत एव संजातवद्पदार्थावसायप्रसरे कणवरे वाराणस्यां महेश्वरस्योलूकसायुज्यसरस्येदं वचः संगच्छेत—  
ब्रह्मलुला नामेदं दिवौकसां दिव्यमद्भुतं ज्ञानं प्रादुर्भूतमिह त्वयि तद्वत्स विपत्सु विप्रेभ्यः ।' Vol. II, p. 277.

2 Cf. *Naiṣadha-carita* 22. 36 ( औलूकमाहुः खलु दर्शनं तत् ).

3 नियतं न बहुत्वं चेत् कथमेतै तथाविधाः । त्रितिताराग्रहाम्भोधिभूमुत्पन्नृतयो मताः ॥ P. 277.

4 See Chap. X.

5 Cf. *Sūtrasamhitā*: *Yajñavalkya* 22.6; *Śivamāhātmyakhaṇḍa* 2.7; *Muktikhaṇḍa* 2.10.

6 सर्वकर्तृत्वरूपा च सर्वशक्तस्वरूपिणी । पूर्णत्वरूपा नित्यत्वव्यापकत्वस्वरूपिणी ॥ शिवस्य शक्तयः पञ्च संकुचद्रूपभास्कराः ।  
*Śivapurāṇa* ( *Kailāśasamhitā* 10. 158 ).

7 On the use of the expression *Yauga* in this sense see G. N. Kaviraja in *Sarasvatī Bhavana Studies*, Vol. III, p. 84.

separately from Śiva; so there can be no *samavāya* relationship between the two.<sup>1</sup>

There is no doubt that Somadeva gives a fairly comprehensive account of the philosophical controversies of the Śaivas and the Jains current in his own age. The Śaivas attacked the Jaina theory of Arhat or the Perfect Saint and tried to establish the superiority of Śiva to any such finite personality, whether called Arhat or Tirthamkara. Somadeva, as we have seen, sums up some of the Śaiva objections; and we find a similar attack on the Jaina conception of the Arhat also in the *Isāna-sivagurudevapaddhati*,<sup>2</sup> a comprehensive work on Śaiva doctrine and ritual, which records the teachings of a line of Śaiva Yogins, who were influential in many parts of India during the ninth, tenth and eleventh centuries.<sup>3</sup> The rivalry of these two important sects covering a considerable period lends more than an academic interest to their controversies in the field of speculative thought.

Somadeva condemns certain fundamental concepts of the Śaiva and Tantric systems in *Yasastilaka* VIII. 39.<sup>4</sup> They are chiefly *Jyotiḥ*, *Bindu*, *Nāda*, *Kuṇḍali*, and *Nirbijikaraṇa*. *Jyotiḥ* 'Light' is one of the mystic names of Śiva. In Sanskrit the word is neuter, and it is usual to designate the Śiva-tattva as masculine and feminine and neuter to denote its comprehensive and transcendental character.<sup>5</sup> The Praṇava or Om syllable, which is the expression of Śiva, is also called *Jyotiḥ*.<sup>6</sup> *Kalā* is one of the thirty-six principles of the Śaiva system, and denotes the agency which unfolds the power of human beings to act.<sup>7</sup> In other words, *Kalā* is the source of the limited power of action possessed by the Paśus or creatures in bondage.<sup>8</sup>

*Nāda* and *Bindu* are two concepts always mentioned together, but not specifically recognised by certain texts, as pointed out by Rāghavabhaṭṭa in his commentary on *Sāradātīlaka* 1. 7. The *Sivapurāṇa*<sup>9</sup> says that, at the beginning of creation, Śakti, the latent energy of Śiva, becomes manifest by the will of Śiva; and when Śakti is stirred up by the creative urge of Śiva,

1 'संबन्धो हि सदाशिवस्य शक्त्या सह न मिश्रस्य संयोगः । शक्तेरद्रव्यत्वात् । द्रव्ययोरेव संयोग इति योगसिद्धान्तः । समवायलक्षणोऽपि न संबन्धः शक्तेः पृथक्सिद्धत्वात् । अयुतसिद्धानां गुणगुण्यादीनां समवायसंबन्धः इति वैशेषिकमैत्रिकान् ।' Vol. II, p. 277.

2 See *Kriyapāda* 1. 39 ff. See also next Chapter and Chap. XIII.

3 See Introduction to Part II. (Trivandrum Sanskrit Series).

4 ज्योतिर्विन्दुः कला नदः कुण्डलीवायुसंवरः ।... See below.

5 The comm. on *Tattvaprahāṇa* 1. 3 says: एकमेव शिवतत्त्वं पुंलिङ्गस्त्रीलिङ्गनपुंसकलिङ्गशब्दैर्व्यवक्ष्यते, and remarks: तदुक्तं ह्यस्यायं— शिवो देवः शिवा देवी शिवं ज्योतिरिति त्रिधा । अलिङ्गमपि यत्तत्त्वं लिङ्गमेवेन कथ्यते ॥

6 Rāghavabhaṭṭa says in his comm. on *Sāradātīlaka* 1. 11: योरक्षसंहितायामपि "इच्छा क्रिया तथा ज्ञानं गौरी ब्राह्मी तु वैष्णवी । त्रिधा शक्तिः शिवता यत्र तत् परं ज्योतिरोमिति ॥"

7 *Tattvaprahāṇa* 3. 6. says 'न्यययति कर्तुं शक्तिं कलेति तेनेह कथिता सा'.

8 'किञ्चित् कर्तुं त्वहेतुः' *Sivapurāṇa* (*Kailāśasamhitā* 10. 161).

9 Ibid. *Āyavīyasaṃhitā* 5. 18 ff.

there arises Nāda whence emerges Bindu. From Bindu arises Sadāśiva, from the latter Maheśvara, and from the latter again Vidyā, the expressive energy of Śiva consisting of the letters of the alphabet. The foregoing account adds Nāda and Bindu to the five usually accepted Śuddhatattvas, viz. Śiva, Śakti, Sadāśiva, Īśvara or Maheśvara and Vidyā. The *Tattvapraśāsa* of Bhoja, for instance, recognises only these five, and remarks that Nāda and Bindu are included in the Śivatattva.<sup>1</sup>

It is in some of the Tantras that we find an exhaustive treatment of Nāda and Bindu.<sup>2</sup> Roughly speaking, Nāda represents the awakening and Bindu the active aspect of Śakti.<sup>3</sup> According to *S'āradātīlaka* 1.7, from Śiva emerges Śakti, from Śakti Nāda, and from Nāda Bindu.<sup>4</sup> The *Prapañcasāratānta* (1. 42, 43), explaining the next stage of evolution, says that the Bindu splits up into three portions: Bindu and Nāda (different from the first two) and Bija, of which Bindu represents Īśvara or consciousness and Bija unconscious matter, while Nāda represents Puruṣa or the Self, the blend of consciousness with unconscious Matter. While the original Bindu is in the process of disintegration, there arises an indistinct sound, and this is known as Śabdabrahma, the consciousness abiding in the creatures of the universe<sup>5</sup> and the basic foundation of sounds and their meanings. According to Rāghavabhaṭṭa, Nāda and Bindu represent the indistinct, undifferentiated and pervasive sound emerging at the beginning of the process of cosmic evolution initiated by Śiva, and it is this sound that is known as Śabdabrahma.<sup>6</sup> There are also other interpretations, but there is no doubt that Nāda and Bindu were fundamental concepts of the Śaiva system in Somadeva's time.

Although Śabdabrahma is universal and all-pervading, it abides in the form of Kuṇḍalī, better known as Kuṇḍalinī.<sup>7</sup> Kuṇḍalinī is the stored up energy inherent in each individual and the force that produces all forms of sound from the primitive inarticulate murmur to organised literary speech.

1 'नादो बिन्दुः सकळी सदा शिवं तत्त्वमाभिधौ कथितौ' 2. 11

2 See, for example, *S'āradātīlaka*, Chap. 1 and the citations in Rāghavabhaṭṭa's commentary thereon.

3 Rāghavabhaṭṭa (op. cit.) says (1. 7)—'नादात्मना प्रमुखा सा निरामयपदोन्मुखा । शिवोन्मुखा यदा शक्तिः पुंरुपा सा तदा स्मृता'..... अन्यत्रापि 'अभिव्यक्ता परा शक्तिरविनाभावलक्षणा ।..... प्रयाति बिन्दुमार्गं च शिवाभाषान्वलक्षयम्' इति ।

4 '..... परमेवराट् । आसीच्छक्तिस्ततो नादो नादाब्जिन्दुसमुद्भवः ॥'

5 Cf. 'चैतन्यं सर्वभूतानां शब्दमक्षेति मे मतिः' *S'āradātīlaka* 1. 13.

6 'सहस्रमुत्पन्नपरमशिवप्रथमोक्तसमाने अक्षरदोऽयको नादबिन्दुमय एव व्यापको ब्रह्मात्मकः शुद्धः शब्दमक्षेत्यर्थः' (1. 12).

7 Ibid. 25. 35. Mādhavācārya in his comm. on *Sūtasamhitā* (*Śivamāhātmyakhanda* 5. 9) says 'स एव शुद्धब्रह्मात्मको रसो जगदुपादानं बिन्दुतादात्म्येन सर्वगतोऽपि प्राणिनां मूलकारेऽभिव्यज्यत इत्युक्तम्—स तु सर्वैव संस्पृतो भूके व्यकल्पता पुनः । आविर्भवति देहेषु प्राणिनामर्थवित्तुनः ॥' (*Prapañcasāra* 1. 63) देहेष्वपि मूलभाराप्रदेहे.....

The seat of Kuṇḍalini is the plexus known as Mūlādhāra,<sup>1</sup> and it is described also as being enclosed within the Suśumnā artery.<sup>2</sup> Kuṇḍalini is visualised as a coiled up (*kuṇḍalibhūta*) serpent; but Rāghavabhaṭṭa, commenting on *Sāradātīlaka*, 1. 51<sup>3</sup> points out that there is an artery shaped like a coiled up serpent in the mūlādhāra, and this, propelled by nerve-force (Vāyu), travels to all parts of the body. This movement of Kuṇḍalini under the action of Vāyu is called *guṇana*,<sup>4</sup> and this is what Somadeva means by *kuṇḍali-vāyu-samcara* in *Yasastilaka* VIII.39. Lastly, Nirbijikarapa is a Yogic process aimed at complete mastery over the body.<sup>5</sup>

In addition to the doctrines outlined above, stray allusions to philosophical topics are occasionally found in *Yasastilaka* in the course of descriptions, often in artificial comparisons based on word-play. They are of lesser importance and belong to a type common in Kāvya literature.<sup>7</sup>

1 'गुदमेदमथ्योऽपि मूलधारः।' See Padmapāda's comm. on *Prapañcasāra*: 2. 43.

2 'मूलधारे विसरति सुषुम्नायेष्टनी मुहुः' Ibid. 2. 51.

3 'तत्र मूलधारे कुण्डलीभूतसर्पवद्भावी वर्तते । तन्मध्ये वायुवशादस्याः सञ्चरणमेव गुणनम् ।' *Sāradātīlaka* 1. 57 says 'गुणिता सर्पगात्रेषु कुण्डली परदेवता'.

4 For the significance of Vāyu see Introduction to *Prapañcasāratānta* in *Tantrik Texts*, ed. Avalon.

6 A marginal note in Ms. A on a verse in *Yasastilaka*, Book VI, section 10, p. 296, explaining the expression विज्ञान ('ज्ञानविज्ञानयोस्तेषां विपश्चित् च विज्ञमेत्'), tells us that विज्ञान refers to Nirbijikarapa, which is a process of expelling the seminal fluid through the eyes, navel etc. A similar note on the relevant verse in Book VIII, section 32, says the same thing, and adds that the process in question helps one to conquer death by dint of constant practice. Somadeva says: ज्योतिर्विन्दुः कला नादः कुण्डलीवायुसंचरः । मुद्रामण्डल-चोद्यानि निर्बीजीकरणादिकम् ॥ नाभौ नेत्रे कलाटे च ब्रह्मग्रन्थौ च तालुनि । अग्रिमध्ये रवौ चन्द्रे कृतातन्तौ हृदयौ ॥ हृत्पुंजं वदन्तेषु तत्तत्त्वं किल मुक्तये । अहो मूढधिया मेव नयः स्पर्शवज्रनः ॥ *Yasastilaka* Vol. II, p. 393. Ms. A says नेत्रनाभिप्रमुखमार्गेण शुक्रनिष्कासनकर्म मृत्युंजयं भवति साधनाभ्यासेन । नासिकाग्रामप्रित्तत्वं वर्तते । रवौ दक्षिणनाभ्यां चन्द्रे वामनाभ्याम् । कृतातन्तौ लिङ्गविषये । हृदये छिद्रं विनापि तदा काले मेदसदृशग्रन्थिः स्यात् । It will be seen that Somadeva uses symbolic terms of the Tantra, and the process of Nirbijikarapa has in view various openings of the body. The Jaina author condemns such Yogic practices.

7 For example, 'सुगतागमा इवाविकल्पप्रधानाः'; 'सांख्या इव समाश्रितप्रकृतयः'; 'पारिपुष्पः (i. e. बौद्ध) इवानात्मनीलवृत्तिः' Book I, pp. 12, 13, 41; 'समीक्षासिद्धान्तः (Sāṃkhya doctrine) इव कपिलकुल-कान्तः'; 'मीमांसेषु निरूप्यमाणनियोगमावनादिप्रपञ्चाः'; 'पिटकत्रयपद्धतिरिव योगाचारगोचराः'; 'जमरगुहभारतीय निवारितपरलोकदर्शनाः'; 'योगस्थितिरेव विहितवृषभेश्वरावतारा' Book V, pp. 170, 246. A marginal note in Ms. A explains योगस्थिति as referring to the Yaugas or the followers of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika school, who were generally Śaivas. The Vaiśeṣika theory of salvation comes in for further criticism in a verse occurring in Book VIII, section 37, wherein it is stated that he who does not admit the existence of knowledge and other attributes in the emancipated self cannot postulate the existence of the Self at all, because there cannot be a Self without attributes, just as there cannot be fire without heat विज्ञानप्रमुखाः सन्ति विमुञ्चि न गुणाः किल यस्य नयोऽत्र वाचि । तस्यैव पुमानपि नैव तत्र दाहादहनः क इहापरोऽत्र । *Yasastilaka*, Vol. II, p. 388. Ms. A explains विमुञ्चि as मुक्तजीवे, and remarks: उक्तत्वं विना कथाभिर्नास्ति तथा विज्ञानादिगुणान् विना आत्मापि नास्ति नयः is taken as referring either to Śaiva or Kapaḍa.



## CHAPTER IX

### SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

In the preceding chapter we have summarized the doctrines of the various non-Jaina systems recorded or discussed by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*; and we may here enumerate the different systems mentioned by the author and bring together some additional information bearing on the character and historical position of certain of these schools of thought. Towards the beginning of Book VI Somadeva mentions the following schools: Saiddhānta Vaiśeṣikas, Tārkika Vaiśeṣikas, Followers of Kaṇāda; Pāśupatas; Kulācāryas;<sup>1</sup> Sāṃkhyas, Kāpilas; Buddhists mentioned separately as (1) the Disciples of Daśabala, (2) Tāthāgatāḥ, and (3) those who preach the doctrine of the Void; Jaininiyas; Bārhaspatyas or the followers of the Lokāyata system; Followers of the Vedānta philosophy mentioned twice as Vedāntavādins and Brahmādvaitavādins.

It will be seen that some of the schools of thought are mentioned more than once by way of demonstrating different aspects of the views held by them. In addition to these, Somadeva records Śaiva doctrines and the views of those who believed in the efficacy of Vedic sacrifices. The followers of these schools of thought were obviously contemporaries of Somadeva and so prevailed in the tenth century. It is interesting to compare the non-Jaina systems described in *Yasastilaka* with the non-Buddhist systems recorded in the ancient Tamil Buddhist Kāvya *Maṇimēkhalai*. Chapter XXVII of that work considers ten such systems: (1) the Pramānavāda of the Vaidika systems, (2) Śaivavāda (3) Brahmavāda (4) Nārāyaṇīya or Vaiṣṇavavāda (5) Vedavāda (6) Ājīvika (7) Nirgrantha i. e. Jaina (8) Sāṃkhya (9) Vaiśeṣika and (10) Bhūtavāda or the Lokāyata system.<sup>2</sup> If we compare the two lists, we shall find that Vaiṣṇavavāda is a notable omission in Somadeva's summary, while the latter makes only a passing reference to the Ājīvikas without mentioning anything about their doctrines.

It may also be pointed out that Somadeva makes a general reference to the four systems (Samayas) in *Yasastilaka*, II. 32 and the four systems and the six schools of philosophy (Darśanas) in Book IV.<sup>3</sup> Śrutasāgara in his commentary on II. 32 explains the four Samayas as the Jaina, Śaiva, Vaidika,

1 It is not clear why Somadeva connects Trika-mata with the doctrines of the Kulācāryas. The Trika system usually refers to the Kashmir School of Śaivism.

2 Aiyangar: *Maṇimēkhalai in its historical setting*, p. 189 ff.

3 चत्वार एते सद्भाः सङ्ग्राह्येन लोके ज्ञातव्योऽपि यद् यः । चत्वार एते समवाक्येन यद् दर्शनातीति वदन्ति सन्तः ॥  
Vol. II, p. 114.

and Bauddha systems; while in his commentary on Book IV he takes them to mean the Jaina, Jaiminiya, Buddhist and Śaiva systems, and explains the six Darśanas as these four plus the Sāṃkhya and Lokāyata systems. It is difficult to say how far this interpretation is correct; but the six Darśanas referred to by Somadeva seem to be identical with the six Tarkas enumerated by Rājasekhara in *Kāvya-mīmāṃsā* (Chap. 2), viz. the Jaina and Buddhist Darśanas and the Lokāyata forming one group, and the Sāṃkhya, the Nyāya, and the Vaiśeṣika forming another group.<sup>1</sup> It is probable that this classification of the Darśanas was popular in the tenth century, the age of Rājasekhara and Somadeva. It may be noted in this connection that the Darśanas seem to have been variously classified at different epochs: for example, in *Vāyupurāṇa* 104. 16 the six Darśanas are stated to be Brāhma, Śaiva, Vaiṣṇava, Śāstra, Śākta, and Ārhatta i. e. Jaina.<sup>2</sup> Similarly, in *Jñānārṇavatāntara* 16. 131-134 we find mentioned the Śaivadarśana, Śāktadarśana, Brāhmadarśana, Vaiṣṇavadarśana, Sūryadarśana, and Bauddhadarśana. Certain points relating to some of the systems criticized by Somadeva require further elucidation.

#### SAIDDHĀNTA VAIŚEṢIKAS

The mention of two distinct schools of Vaiśeṣika philosophy, Saiddhānta and Tārkika, in *Yasastilaka* is a noteworthy feature; and, as we have seen, the former school laid stress on the worship of Śiva and faith in him, while the latter represented the orthodox school with emphasis on Dharma and the knowledge of the categories. We do not know when the Saiddhānta school came into being, but the followers of this school seem to be the same as the Vṛddha Vaiśeṣikas mentioned by Vidyānanda (9th century) in his *Āptaparīkṣā*, wherein he remarks that they propound the existence of Maheśvara or Śiva in reality, just as they believe in the reality of Substances, Qualities, Actions, Generality, Particularity, Inherence etc., that is, the categories recognised by the Vaiśeṣika system as such.<sup>3</sup> The same work tells us that a certain section of the Vaiśeṣikas (unlike the orthodox school) postulates the existence of consciousness even in the liberated soul:<sup>4</sup> it is not the pure and infinite consciousness of the Self recognised by the Sāṃkhyas, but *jñānasakti* or intellectual power;<sup>5</sup> and Maheśvara, like the liberated soul,

1 'त्रिधा चान्वीक्षिकी पूर्वोत्तरपञ्चाभ्याम् । अर्हदन्तदर्शने लोकायतं च पूर्वं पक्षः । सांख्यं न्यायवैशेषिकौ चोत्तरः त इमे षट् तर्काः ।'

2 'आद्यां शैवं वैष्णवं च सौरं शाक्तं तथार्हतम् । षट् दर्शनानि चोक्तानि स्वभावनिवृत्तानि च ॥'

3 'यद्येव हि महेश्वरस्य स्वरूपतः सर्वं वृद्धवैशेषिकैरिष्यते तथा पृथिव्यादिद्रव्याणां रूपादिगुणानामुत्पत्तेरपि विकर्मणां सामान्यविशेषसमवायानां च प्रागभावादीनामपीष्यत एव' (under verses 59-76).

4 'ज्ञानशक्तिस्तु निष्कर्मणोऽपि कस्त्वपि निरुध्यते चेत्तत्तत्तद्विनिः कैविल्यवैशेषिकसिद्धान्तमनुपगच्छन्निर्मुक्तात्मन्यपि चेतनायाः प्रसिद्धान्तात्' (under verse 11).

5 The orthodox Vaiśeṣika view of salvation is of course far different. See preceding Chapter.

possesses this power, although he is incorporeal and untouched by Karmas.<sup>1</sup> This school of Vaiśeṣikas which holds that the soul is ever conscious and has the power of knowledge even in the state of liberation, and seems also to believe in Śiva, might be allied to the Saiddhānta Vaiśeṣikas mentioned by Somadeva.

Guṇaratna tells us in his commentary on *Śaḍdarśanasamuccaya* (Chap. 2) that the Naiyāyikas are Śaivas and the Vaiśeṣikas are Pāśupatas. The Pāśupatas were a Śaiva sect, but it is impossible to rely on Guṇaratna's statement for the purpose of determining the religious affiliation of the Vaiśeṣika centuries earlier than his time. Somadeva's reference to the Tārkika Vaiśeṣikas shows that there were adherents of the system who were not worshippers of Śiva or Paśupati. Among the medieval exponents of the Vaiśeṣika system Vyomaśiva and Udayana were Śaivas; while Śrīdhara pays homage to Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva separately or conjointly in the opening verses of the different sections of his *Nyāyakandali*. Apart from the personal beliefs of individual thinkers, Vyomaśiva distinctly says in his commentary on the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya* in the section on Viparyaya (P. 543) that the Supreme Śiva is different from the worldly souls, and His worship leads to beatitude: this, he says, is the salutary teaching of the Vaiśeṣikas.<sup>2</sup> It would thus appear that the views of Vyomaśiva were closely allied to those of the Saiddhānta Vaiśeṣikas, who held that faith in Śiva was an essential means to final release. Further, while commenting upon the opening verse of the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*, Vyomaśiva, unlike Udayana and Śrīdhara, explains the term *Īśvara* in the phrase *praṇamya hetumiśvaram* as *Maheśvara*, that is, Śiva.<sup>3</sup> Considering the devotion to Śiva evinced by Vyomaśiva in his commentary, it will not be wrong to associate him with the Saiddhānta school of Vaiśeṣika philosophers. As regards the term *Maheśvara*, it occurs even in the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*, but here it means the Supreme Lord or the great God who initiates the process of creation. Udayana, for example, explains *Maheśvara* as *mahān īśvaraḥ* in the relevant section of his commentary on the *Bhāṣya*, and takes it to mean *Parameśvara*.<sup>4</sup>

1 'चेतना च ज्ञानशक्तिरेव न पुनस्तद्व्यतिरिक्तविच्छिन्नपरिणामिन्यप्रतिसंक्रमादर्शितविषया शुद्धा ज्ञानमता च यथा कापिलैरुपन्यस्यते तस्याः प्रमाणविरोधात् । तथा च महेश्वरस्य कर्मभिरस्पृष्टस्यापि ज्ञानशक्तिरशरीरत्वापि च मुक्त्यत्मन इव प्रसिद्धा ।'

2 'यदि वा संसार्यात्मनां नानात्वं परमशिवश्चेत्येवो भिन्नस्तदाराधनाञ्जालदादेः श्रेयो भवतीत्येवं हितमुपदिशस्तु वैशेषिकेण अहितमिति ज्ञानं विपर्ययः ।'

3 'ईश्वरशब्दश्च अन्वयं वर्तमानोऽपि ज्ञानप्रस्तावात् महेश्वर एव वर्तते । 'शंकरात् ज्ञानमन्विच्छेत्' इति वचनात् ।'

4 'अन्वे हीश्वरा जगदेकदेशपतय इन्द्रवल्गयमाश्रयः । स पुनः कृत्स्नस्यैव जगतः अतो महानीश्वरः' P. 91. 'परायंप्रवृत्तेन परमेश्वरेणाभिहितैः वृत्तिभ्यादिविविधमाश्रयते' P. 97.

## BUDDHISTS

The Buddhist doctrines of salvation mentioned by Somadeva have been explained in the preceding chapter with reference to ancient texts, but it is more likely that Somadeva derived his information from later works prevalent in his time. He says, for instance, '*nairātmyādi-nivedita-sambhāvanāto bhāvanāta*' which seems to refer to what is called Nairātmya-bhāvanā in later Buddhist texts. Śāntarakṣita, for example, who belongs to the eighth century, deals fully with the doctrine of Nairātmya in *Tattvasaṃgraha* (vv. 3488 ff). He tells us that the notions of 'I' and 'mine', known as *sattvadr̥ṣṭi*, are the source of endless suffering, and the only antidote against *sattvadr̥ṣṭi* is the realisation of Nairātmya (non-existence of the Self); suffering ceases when the conception of 'I' and 'mine' ceases to exist, and when suffering ends there is no more birth. Final release is the outcome of absolute freedom from rebirth, and the realisation of Nairātmya is the peerless gateway to the supreme beatitude. Because, liberation takes place only when egoism comes to an end; and egoism never comes to an end so long as one believes in a Self.<sup>1</sup>

Śāntarakṣita declares that the Buddha is omniscient, because it is he who for the first time propounded the doctrine of Nairātmya, and that is also why he is supreme among the founders of religious systems.<sup>2</sup> Mere realisation of Nairātmya, however, does not lead to the desired goal. What is essential is fervent and constant contemplation (Bhāvanā), ranging over a long period, in the course of which the knowledge of all objects flashes across the mind: it is all-comprehensive Nairātmyabhāvanā of this type that is cultivated by the kind-hearted devotee who desires to do good to the world. For we are told that there are two hindrances to the realisation of the truth, *klesāvaraṇa* and *jñeyāvaraṇa*: the first is nothing but the *klesas* (lust, hatred and delusion) that obstruct the vision of the truth, and the second consists in the inability to recognise and comprehend the nature of the true and the false. Direct realisation of Nairātmya does away with *klesāvaraṇa*, but *jñeyāvaraṇa* cannot be got rid of without fervent, constant and prolonged cultivation of the principle of Nairātmya. The Bhāvanā is practised by some in anxiety for their own release from the sufferings of the world and

1 आत्मास्मीयदृगाकारसत्त्वद्रुष्टिः प्रवर्तते । अहं भवेति माने च क्लेशोऽशेषः प्रवर्तते ॥ सत्त्वद्रुष्ट्वा मत्तनीकं च तत्कारात्मनि-  
दृष्टेनम् । अभ्यासात् सात्म्यमायाते तस्मिन् सा विनिवर्तते ॥ तन्मूलक्लेशराशिश्च हेत्वभावात् ग्रहीयते । तस्मिन्सति  
तदेतन् पुनर्जायते भवः ॥ तदस्यन्तविनिर्मुक्तैरपवर्गैश्च कीर्त्यते । अद्वितीयशिवद्वारमतो नैरात्म्यदृष्टेनम् ॥ सर्वैकानि-  
दीश्यानामहङ्कारनिवर्तनात् । मुक्तिरिष्टात्मसत्त्वे च नाहङ्कारो निवर्तते ॥

2 एतच्च सुगतस्वेषमादी नैरात्म्यकल्पनात् । सर्वतीर्थकृतां तस्मात् सितो मूर्तिः तस्मात्तः ॥ v. 3340.

the cycle of births; while others, philanthropic by nature, are moved to pity by the miseries of the world, and without taking thought of their own interest, consider all worldly beings as their own selves and strive for the salvation of all: kindness is the motive which prompts such men to betake themselves to Nairātmya-bhāvanā. All this will be clear from the following extracts from the commentary of Kamalaśīla on *Tattvasaṃgraha*:

या सादरनैरन्तर्यवीर्षकालविशेषणा भावना सा करतलायमानप्रासावभासमानज्ञानफला तथा कानातुरस्य कामिनीभावना...सर्वाकारसर्वमतनैरात्म्यभावना कारुणिकस्येति स्वभावहेतुः । (v. 3339) क्लेशहेयावरणप्रहाणतो हि सर्वज्ञ-त्वम्, तत्र क्लेशा एव रागादयो भूतदर्शनप्रतिबन्धभावात् क्लेशावरणमुच्यन्ते । दृष्टस्यापि हेयोपादेयतत्त्वस्य यत् सर्वाकारपरि-ज्ञानं प्रतिपादनासामर्थ्यं च हेयावरणम् । तत्र क्लेशावरणस्य नैरात्म्यप्रत्यक्षीकरणात् प्रहाणिः । हेयावरणस्य तु तस्यैव नैरात्म्य-दर्शनस्य सादरनिरन्तर्यवीर्षकालाभ्यासात् ।.....ये तावज्जात्यादिदुःखोत्पीडितमानसाः संसारादुन्नतमनसस्तदुपशममा-त्मनः प्रार्थयन्ते, तेषां.....संसाराद्भयमेव नैरात्म्यभावनार्थित्वनिमित्तम् । ये तु गोत्रविशेषात् प्रकृत्यैव परहितकरणैकाभि-रामाः संस्कारादिदुःखत्रितयपरिपीडितं जगदवेक्ष्य कृपापरतन्त्रतया तदुःखदुःखिनः स्वात्मनि व्यपेक्षामपास्य सकलानेव संसारिण आत्मत्वेनाभ्युपगतास्तत्परित्राणाय प्रणिदधते तेषां करुणैव भावनाप्रवृत्तिनिमित्तम् । (v. 3339)

Among non-Buddhist writers earlier than Somadeva, Jayanta gives a clear and succinct account of the theory of Nairātmya as part of the Buddhist argument in *Nyāyamañjarī* (chap. 7), and his remarks may be compared with the statements of Śāntaraksita reproduced above and the views cited by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*, Book V.<sup>1</sup> Jayanta says:

तस्मादुत्तुज्यतामेष मूर्धाभिषिक्तः प्रथमो मोह आत्मप्रदो नाम । तन्निवृत्त्या चात्मीयप्रदोऽपि विरस्यति अहमेव न किं ममेति । तदिदमहंकारमकारप्रन्धिप्रहाणेन नैरात्म्यदर्शनमेव निर्वाणद्वारमालम्ब्यताम् । तस्य स मार्गः क्षणिकपदार्थ-निश्चयः । क्षणिकेषु हि सर्वभावेषु निराश्रयेषु ज्ञानस्याप्याश्रयविरहात् कुतस्त्यमात्मकल्पनमिति ।

Somadeva, as we have seen, criticizes the Buddhist doctrine of Bhāvanā in *Yasastilaka* VI. 1.<sup>1</sup> An earlier criticism of the doctrine is that of Vidyānanda in *Tattvārtha-sloka-vārtika* 1. 71:

भावनाप्रकर्षपर्यन्तस्तत्सिद्धिप्रापय इति चेत् न, भावनाया विकल्पात्मकत्वेनातत्त्वविषयायाः प्रकर्षपर्यन्तप्राप्तायास्त-त्त्वज्ञानवैतुष्यस्वभावोदयविरोधात् । न हि सा श्रुतमयी तत्त्वविषया श्रुतस्य प्रमाणत्वानुषंगात् । ... सर्वथा भावनायास्तत्त्व-विषयत्वायोगात् । तत्त्वप्रापकत्वाद्भस्तुविषयत्वमिति चेत्, कथमवस्त्वानुबन्धना सा वस्तुनः प्रापिका ।

Somadeva gives the following definition of the Buddhist view of salvation in *Yasastilaka* VI. 1: *nirāśraya-cittotpatti-lakṣaṇo mokṣaḥ* and quotes the two verses ending with *kleśa-kṣayāt kevalam eti śāntim*.<sup>1</sup> The medieval interpretation of this is found in Vādideva Sūri's *Pramāṇa-naya-tattvālokāṅkāra* 2. 26:

सौगतास्तु केचिन्निराश्रयचित्तसंतानोत्पत्तिर्मोक्ष इत्याचक्षते । तत्राविद्यातृष्णारहितं चित्तं निराश्रयमित्यभिधीयते । अविद्या रागद्वेषाभिजायः । तृष्णा तु आभिभोगाभिजायः ।

<sup>1</sup> See preceding Chapter.

It will be seen that *nirāśraya* is explained as free from *avidyā* (lust and hatred) and *trṣṇā* (craving); and the emergence of a stream of consciousness free from these impurities is described as *Mokṣa*. This is similar to the ancient teaching that *Nirvāṇa* is nothing but the end of *klesas* (lust, hatred and delusion).

In *Yasastilaka*, Book V, Somadeva gives another definition of the Buddhist view of salvation. *Mokṣa* is here described as *Nirodha* consisting in the emergence of a state of mind free from the *āśravas* following the destruction of the notion of the Self.<sup>1</sup> *Āśrava* is an irregular Buddhist Sanskrit form of the Pāli *Āsava*, there being four *āsavas*: *kāmāsava*, *bhavāsava*, *diṭṭhāsava* and *avijjāsava* (sensuality, lust for life, speculation and ignorance).<sup>2</sup> Freedom from the *Āśravas*, which are generally taken to mean the cravings that produce an intoxicating effect on the mind, constitutes the the Buddhist ideal of salvation, known also as *Nirodha* or cessation. Haribhadra says in *Śaḍdarsana-samuccaya* (verse 7) that *nirodha* is *mokṣa*; and Guṇaratna in his commentary thereon explains it as a mental state free from the *klesas*, that is, lust, hatred and delusion. We thus come back to the old conception of the destruction of the *klesas*; and it is obvious that the two definitions of the Buddhist view of salvation given by Somadeva do not materially differ from each other.

In Buddhist literature, *Nirvāṇa* is defined as *Nirodha* (cessation) in *Milindapañha* III. 6. It is said that inasmuch as the wise man neither takes pleasure in the senses and in the objects of sense nor continues cleaving to them. "in him craving ceases, and by the cessation of craving grasping ceases, and by the cessation of grasping becoming ceases, and when becoming has ceased birth ceases, and with its cessation old age and death, grief, lamentation, pain, sorrow and despair cease to exist." In this way the cessation of all that aggregation of pain is brought about. "Thus is it that cessation is *Nirvāṇa*." The end of cravings, the absence of passion, *Nirodha* and *Nirvāṇa* are mentioned together.<sup>4</sup>

1 'विगलिताग्रहे चात्मग्रहे निराश्रवचित्तोत्पत्तिवृत्तयो निरोधपरनामपञ्चो मोक्षः स्वलक्षणेक्षिणामक्षूणः' *Yasastilaka*, Vol. II p. 252. This is followed by the verse यथा स्नेहक्षयादीपः प्रशाम्यति निरन्वयः तथा क्लेशक्षयाज्जन्तुः प्रशाम्यति निरन्वयः ॥ See preceding Chapter.

2 See Rhys Davids: *Pali-English Dictionary* under *āsava*. of. सिद्धोः क्षीणामक्षूण *Diyyavaddana*, p. 542.

3 'तस्स तं अवभिनन्दतो अनभिवदतो अनज्जोसाय तिहुतो तण्हा निवृत्तमि, तण्हानिरोधो उपादाननिरोधो, उपादाननिरोधो भवनिरोधो, भवनिरोधो जातिनिरोधो, जातिनिरोधो जराभरणसोकपरिदेवदुक्खदोमनस्सुपायासा निवृत्तमि । एवमेतस्स केवलस्स दुक्खकलन्धस्स निरोधो होति । एवं खो महाराज निरोधो निब्बानं'ति । See also *The Questions of King Milinda*, p. 106. *Sacred Books of the East*, Vol. XXXV.

4 'तण्हकल्लवो विरागो निरोधो निब्बानं'ति । Ibid. IV, 8, 90.

There seem to have been at least two conceptions of Buddhist salvation current in the medieval period. The first is the emergence of a stream of consciousness free from all impurities, and corresponds to the view recorded by Somadeva. Kamalaśīla says in his commentary on *Tattavasamgraha* (verse 151) that the practice of Yoga brings about the disappearance of Avidyā followed by the rise of an undefiled stream of consciousness leading to Apavarga or final release:

तस्यावाविद्याया योगान्यासादसमर्थतरतमक्षणोत्पादकमेण व्यपगमात् परिशुद्धज्ञानसन्तानोदयादपवर्गप्राप्तिरित्यती  
मन्धमोक्षव्यवस्था युक्तिमती ।

This view is recorded also by Vyomaśīva in the introduction to his commentary on the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*, wherein he says that, according to some, the supreme beatitude consists in consciousness, free from the passions, emerging as a result of meditation on Nairātmya and the momentary character of things:

अन्ये तु अस्थिरादिभावनावशात् रागादिवियुक्तज्ञानोत्पत्तिः निःश्रेयसमिति मन्यन्ते । तथाहि सर्वं क्षणिकमिति भावयतो विषयेषु आसक्तिर्व्यावर्तते..... । तथा सर्वं निरात्मकमिति भावनायां नाहं परः न ममायमिति परिग्रहद्वेषाभावे भवत्येव विशुद्धचित्तसंतानोत्पत्तिरिति ।

The second view of Buddhist salvation prevalent in the medieval period, although not recorded by Somadeva, is that Mokṣa is nothing but the complete annihilation of the stream of consciousness, comparable to the going out of a lamp. Vāḍideva Sūri (op. cit.) mentions this view as that of a certain section of Buddhists along with the former doctrine. He says:

अपरे पुनः प्रदीपनिर्वाणवत् सर्वथा चित्तसन्तानोच्छेदो मोक्ष इति संगिरन्ते ।

Vyomaśīva (op. cit.) explains it along with the other view:

तथा च पटाद्यर्थस्य प्रतिषेधात् सर्वं शून्यमिति च । एवं हि दुःखस्य समुदयनिरोधमार्गेषु विशिष्टज्ञानं निःश्रेयसकारणमिति । तथाहि दुःखं रूपादिस्कन्धपञ्चकं तस्य समुदयः कारणम् ।...तयोर्निरोधो विनाशः तस्योपायो मार्गः इत्येषु विशिष्टज्ञानवशात् शुद्धचित्तसंतानतदुच्छेदो वा निःश्रेयसमिति युक्तम् ।

The opinion is recorded also by Bhāskara in his *Brahmasūtra Bhāṣya* 2. 2. 18:

प्राज्ञप्राहृकाकारविमुक्ता संवित्संततिर्निर्वातस्यप्रदीपवदासंस्कारक्षयात् क्षणपरंपर्यावतिष्ठते । संस्कारक्षये सा प्रदीपवदेव निर्वाणमुच्छति । सेयमभावप्राप्तिरपवर्ग इति मन्यन्ते । अपरे तु सन्तत्यविच्छेदमिच्छन्ति ।

Siddharṣi (*Upamiti-bhava-prapañcā kathā*, Book IV) and Guṇaratna (comm. on *Saḍḍarśana-samuccaya*, v. 11) attribute the doctrine in question to the Sautrāntika school of Buddhism:

सौत्रास्तिकमतं पुनरिदम् । रूपवेदनाविज्ञानसंज्ञासंस्काराः सर्वशरीरिणामेते पञ्च स्कन्धा विद्यन्ते । न पुनरात्मा । न एव हि परलोकगामिनः । तथा क्षणिकः सर्वे संस्काराः.....सन्तानोच्छेदो मोक्ष इति ।

Both the views are mentioned together by Jayanta in *Nyāyamañjarī* (chap. 9):



निर्वाणस्तिपदाक्येयमपवर्गं तु सौमदाः । सन्तुष्टुकेदमिच्छन्ति स्वर्गं वा ज्ञानसन्तुष्टिम् ॥

#### VEDĀNTISTS

The school of Vedānta prevalent in Somadeva's time was the Advaita school; and he records the views of the Vedāntavādins or the Brahmadvaitavādins. He refers to Śaṅkarācārya, asserting that the Buddha's doctrine was imitated by the latter<sup>1</sup>. The allegation that the great philosopher was a Buddhist in disguise seems to have been widely current by the middle of the tenth century. Somadeva appears to have been acquainted with the writings of the school of Śaṅkara; and his statement of the ultimate goal according to the Brahmadvaitavādins runs thus: 'यथा षटविघटने षटाकाशमाकाशीभवति तथा देहोच्छेदात् सर्वः प्राणी परे ब्रह्मणि लीयते ।' This reminds one of the following verses of Śaṅkara's *Sarva-vedānta-siddhāntasāra-saṅgraha*:

षटाभावे षटाकाशो महाकाशो यथा तथा । उपाप्यभावे त्वात्मैव सर्वं ब्रह्मैव केवलम् ॥ 695

यत्र यत्र द्रव्यो ज्ञानी परमाक्षरविद् सदा । परे ब्रह्मणि लीयेत न तत्त्वोक्तान्तिरिष्यते ॥ 1000.

Sureśvarācārya says in his *Naiṣkarmyasiddhi* II. 68:

यथा विद्युद् भाकाशे सहसैवाग्नमण्डलम् । भूत्वा विलीयते तद्वत्तन्मीहाक्षिकं जगत् ॥

The doctrine of the Vedānta recorded by Somadeva is summed up also in the following verse quoted in the *Mātharavṛtti* on *Sāṃkhyakārikā* (39):

देहे मोहाभये भजे युक्तः स परमात्मनि । कुम्भाकाश इवाकाशे कमते चैकरूपताम् ॥

#### ŚAIVAS

An interesting feature of Somadeva's treatment of Śaiva doctrines is the light thrown by it on the controversy between the Śaivas and the Jāinas on the subject of omniscience and creation.<sup>2</sup> The first is claimed by the Śaivas for Śiva or Maheśvara, while it is reserved by the Jāinas for their Arhat; and as for creation, attributed by the Śaivas to Śiva, it is altogether denied by the other sect. The roots of this controversy go to earlier times, and that it is older than the middle of the tenth century is certain. Vidyānanda who belongs to the ninth century tries to refute *Śaṅkara-mata*, Śaiva doctrine, in his *Āptaparīkṣā*<sup>3</sup>, and rejects the claim of Maheśvara to be regarded as the creator of the universe and the omniscient author of a system teaching the way to salvation (*mokṣa-mārga*). It will be out of place to analyse his argument; but in dealing with this topic Vidyānanda and Somadeva supplement each other and record valuable information on the

1 'देतादेतामवः क्षापयः संकतानुक्तताम' VI. 2. Vol. II, p. 276.

2 See preceding Chapter.

3 'सामितं संकरमतमाशंस्य दूषयन्नाह' etc.

subject. Vidyānanda's views are partially referred to by Anantavīrya in his commentary on Maṇikyanandi's *Parikṣāmukhasūtra* (Pratyakṣoddeśa);<sup>1</sup> and it may be pointed out that most of our knowledge of the Śaiva-Jaina controversy is derived from Jaina works.

The background of the controversy between the Śaivas and the Jains mentioned above is provided by Kumārila's well-known attack on the conception of an Omniscient Being; and the questions involved are part of a larger issue which brought several schools of thought into the arena of philosophical controversy. Kumārila regarded omniscience as something impossible; and instead of positing an omniscient author of the Vedas, he maintained that they were eternal and not the composition of a personal author. Kumārila's views may be studied in *S'lokavārtika* (*Codanāsūtra*) and specially in the verses quoted from him by Śāntarakṣita in the last section of *Tattvasaṃgraha*, many of them being not found in the extant *S'lokavārtika*. It is important to note that Kumārila in the course of his argument insisted on the absurdity of the Buddhist and Jaina notions that the Buddha and the Arhat respectively were Omniscient Beings. The Buddhist reply to this is elaborately given by Śāntarakṣita in *Tattvasaṃgraha*; and the earliest Jaina reply to Kumārila is probably that of Akalaṃka (8th century) in his *Nyāyaviniścaya* (chap. 3). Kumārila, for example, had written in *S'lokavārtika* (2. 141, 142):

एवं वेः केवलं ज्ञानमिन्द्रियाद्यनपेक्षिणः । सूक्ष्मातीतादिविषयं जीवस्य परिकल्पितम् ॥  
नर्ते तदगमात् सिध्येत् न तेनागमो विना । दृष्टान्तोऽपि न तस्मात्प्रो दृष्टुं कश्चित् प्रयतेते ॥

Akalaṃka replied to this as follows in *Nyāyaviniścaya* (vv. 412, 413):

एवं यत् केवलज्ञानमनुमादयिष्यते । नर्ते तदगमात् सिध्येत् न तेन विनागमः ॥  
सत्त्वमयैवकादेव पुरुषातिशयो मतः । प्रभवः पौरुषेयोऽस्य प्रबन्धोऽनादिश्चित्ते ॥

Not only Akalaṃka but other Jaina scholars have tried to refute Kumārila's views, and this explains the large number of quotations from Kumārila found in later Jaina philosophical literature, e. g., in Vidyānanda's *Aptaparikṣā*, *Aṣṭasahasri* and *Tattvārtha-sloka-vārtika* (under *sūtra* 1. 29), Abhayadeva's commentary on *Sammattitarka*, *Nyāya-kumuda-candra* and other works. The bitterness of the Jains against the Mīmāṃsā school for attacking their fundamental doctrine of the Omniscient Being is shown in Siddharṣi's *Upamiti-bhava-prapañcā-kathā* (chap. 4), which declares that the Mīmāṃsā is not a philosophical system at all; and after enumerating six non-Jaina systems including the Mīmāṃsā, Siddharṣi excludes the latter from the field of speculative thought, although he finds room for the materialistic

1 'यच्च नदेवैव केनादिभिरननुदृष्टं निरतिशयवैयर्थ्यादपेक्ष्यं तत् सर्वमपि अनात्मनोऽप्यभावेनैव निर्विषयत्वा-  
दुपेक्ष्यते' ।

Lokiyata system.<sup>1</sup> There is no trace of any such bitterness against the Mimāṃsā in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, as we find here the Śaivas replacing the Mimāṃsakas as adversaries of Jaina doctrines.

The controversy about omniscience was further complicated by the Naiyāyikas entering the lists in defence of the doctrine. Like the Buddhists and the Jains, they upheld the theory of omniscience as against the Mimāṃsakas; and we find, for instance, Jayanta quoting and criticising Kumārila's views in his *Nyāyamañjarī* (chap. 2) and establishing the theory that the adepts in Yoga possess the unhampered faculty of pure and universal knowledge.<sup>2</sup> The Naiyāyikas, however, declare God to be the omniscient creator of the universe and the author of the Vedas. Vātsyāyana, indeed, attributes the authorship of the Vedas to 'trustworthy persons' (Āptāḥ) in his Bhāṣya on *Nyāyasūtras* 2. 1. 68, and does not say that God is their author. Uddyotakara in his *Nyāyavārtika* calls the author of the Vedas a superior individual (Puruṣa-viśeṣa), which might mean God, this being the designation applied to God in *Yogasūtras* 1. 24. The later exponents of the Nyāya system, Jayanta, Vācaspati and Udayana, however, maintain that the omniscient God is the creator of the universe as well as the author of the Vedas. Jayanta, for example, says in his *Nyāyamañjarī* (chap. 4):

कर्ता न एव जगतामसिद्धात्महृत्किमप्यवधारितविचित्रताः ।

विधात्मना तदुपदेशपराः प्रणीतास्तेनैव वेदरचना इति युक्तमेतत् ॥

The Mimāṃsā objections to the Nyāya conception of an omniscient Creator are fully stated in Maṇḍana's *Vidhiviveka* (P. 210 ff.).<sup>3</sup> A later writer Śālikānātha, an authoritative exponent of the Prābhākara school of Mimāṃsā, tries to refute the theory of the omniscience of God in *Prakaranapañcika* (chap. 7). He argues that it is the cycle of tradition (*vrddha-paramparā*), without any beginning, that fixes the meaning of words and not the significance supposed to be attached to them by God at the beginning of creation. Further, the idea of personal authorship is not compatible with the authoritative character of the Veda which deals with supernormal things.<sup>4</sup> Śālikānātha probably belongs to the tenth century,<sup>5</sup> but in this century the position of the Nyāya-vaiśeṣika school was so strong that

1 अवस्थातिकमेतद्भिर्मीमांसकपुरं मतम् । तेन दर्शनसंस्थायामेतद्वैतैर्न गण्यते ॥

2 तदेवं क्षीणदोषाणां ध्यानावहितमेतत्ताम् । निरैकं सर्वविषयं ज्ञानं भवति योगिनाम् ॥

3 Cf. Handiqui: *Naiṣadhacarita*, Appendix I, p. 505.

4 'न चेत्तस्मै सर्वज्ञानमपि सिध्यति ज्ञानहेत्वभावेन ज्ञानाभावनिश्चयात् । तेनानादिरेव ब्रह्मपरम्परा शब्दाभावाच्चे हेतुर्न सद्भावादावीभ्यस्तुतः सङ्केतः । ..... यत् पुनस्तस्मै भवति प्रतीति शब्दमन्तरेणोपावादाभावात्, यौचित्येनैव वेदसाधुत्वमेवेदं प्रामाण्योपपत्तिरित्यपौरुषेयत्वाभ्यवगच्छम् ।'

5 G. N. Kaviraja: Introduction to *Kusumāñjali* (Sarasvatī Bhavana Texts).

Mīmāṃsā theories were not likely to wield any great influence. Be that as it may, having established the existence of an Omniscient Being, the Naiyāyikas turn against the Buddhists and the Jinas, and deny that the Buddha or the Arhat can ever be called omniscient; and their attitude, on the whole, is one of hostility towards the non-Brahmanical systems. Vācaspati says in his *Nyāyavārtika-tātparyā-ṭīkā* that Buddha and Rṣabha are known to be the authors of the Buddhist and Jaina scriptures respectively; but as they are not the creators of the universe, like God, how can they be regarded as omniscient?<sup>1</sup> In his commentary on the *Yogasūtra Bhāṣya* also (1. 24, 25) he rejects the claims of the founders of systems like the Buddha, the Arhat, Kapila and others to be regarded as omniscient beings. Further, the Naiyāyikas just mentioned give a new turn to the old Nyāya theory that the Vedas are authoritative, because they are the utterances of a trustworthy person (Āpta); and argue therefrom that the Vedas are the utterances of a Trustworthy Being, because they are accepted by the majority of the people (*mahājana*), and what is not declared by a Trustworthy Being is not accepted by the majority of the people. This is exactly what Udayana says in the *Kiraṇāvālī* commentary on the *Prāśastapāda Bhāṣya*.<sup>2</sup> Jayanta also says that it is possible to speak of anything as being declared by a Trustworthy Being (Āpta) only when it is well-known among and accepted by the majority of the people.<sup>3</sup> He explains *Mahājana* i. e. the great mass or the majority as those who follow the *Varnāśrama* order prevalent in the Aryan country, that is, the Vedic order of society founded on the division of castes and the stages of life, and makes a distinction between *Mahājana* and *Vṛnda*, the group or the minority, such as the Buddhists. The latter might claim their *vṛnda* to be the *mahājana* in order to establish the authoritative character of their scriptures, but it is not possible to raise a minority (*Vṛnda*) to the status of a majority (*Mahājana*), and the latter always avoids and never approves any scriptures that are opposed to the Vedas.<sup>4</sup> Jayanta therefore concludes that scriptures other than the Vedas cannot be regarded as being composed by a trustworthy individual, because they lack support among the large mass of the people.<sup>5</sup>

1 'तत्र ह्यकथायागमानां दुर्दर्शनादयः प्रणेता इति स्फुटतरमस्ति स्मरणं न तु कलङ्कण ईश्वरलोपां करोति । न चैते औद्योदधिप्रवृत्तयः तनुबुधनादीनां कर्तारो येन सर्वथा इति निश्चीयेत् ।'

2 'आप्तोक्ता वेदाः महाजनपरिगृहीतत्वात् । यत् पुनर्नास्तौके न तत् महाजनपरिगृहीतम् ।'

3 'महाजनप्रसिद्धयनुग्रहे हि सति सुबन्माप्तोक्तत्वं भवति नान्यथा' *Nyāyamahājari*, Book IV.

4 'नौद्योदधौ दुर्गादीनामात्रं स्वात्मप्रामाण्यसिद्धये वदन्ति ते महाजनमपि निजं तत्सिद्धये वृन्दादिकं वदेजुदेव कलङ्क प्रवीकारः, उच्यते, चातुर्वर्ण्यं चातुरामन्यं च यदेतदौपदेशप्रसिद्धं स महाजने उच्यते.....चातुर्वर्ण्यं चातुरामन्य-कल्पेन महाजनो वेदमममप्रवृत्तः.....अत एव न निजो महाजन उद्यापयितुं शक्यते वृन्दाकादिः किं त्वप्येव चातुर्वर्ण्यं हि महाजनः स चेन्न महाजनो वेदविषयप्रमाणं परिहरत्येव नानुमीदते' Ibid.

5 'अत एव निश्चयात् महाजनप्रसिद्धिरागमान्तरैश्च दृष्टेनाह तेषामात्मप्रणीतत्वम् ।'

Similarly, Vācaspati in his *Tātparyāṭīkā*, makes a sharp distinction between the Vedas and the scriptures of the Buddhists, the Digambara Jainas and others, and observes that no scriptures other than the Vedas are accepted by the majority of the people and mentioned as being composed by God. The Vedas alone, composed by God as they are, maintain the entire social order and provide instruction in the means to attain the good and shun the evil. On the contrary, the teachings of the Buddha and others do not uphold the social order, nor are they accepted by the great mass of the people. Owing to this general reproach, they are followed only by a few barbarians, vilest among men and just like animals, and hence it is impossible to regard such teachings as being propounded by any trustworthy individual.<sup>1</sup>

It will be seen that the arguments of the Naiyāyikas are not only directed against the non-Brahmanical systems as such but against the Jaina conception of the Arhat as the omniscient and trustworthy guide. They seem to put forward a rival Āpta theory to discredit that of the Jainas, and thus reinforce the Śaivas in their attack on the fundamental Jaina doctrine of the omniscient Arhat. It is difficult to determine the chronological relations of the Śaivas and the Naiyāyikas, but they might represent a parallel movement: Vācaspati and Jayanta belong to the ninth century and Udayana to the tenth, and we have seen that the Śaiva-Jaina controversy recorded by Vidyānanda and Somadeva falls in the same period. Further, as Haribhadra tells us in *Śūḍḍārśanasamuccaya*, the Naiyāyikas were generally Śaivas; and we know, in fact, that the leading Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika philosophers of the period of revival, Bhāsarvajña, Jayanta, Udayana, and Vyomaśiva were all Śaivas. It is also noteworthy that the Naiyāyikas often identify God (Īśvara) with Śiva or Maheśvara. Jayanta does so in *Nyāyamāñjari* (chap. 3);<sup>2</sup> while Bhāsarvajña says in *Nyāyasāra* that salvation is the outcome of the vision of Śiva.<sup>3</sup> The verse *sarvajñatā trptiranādibodhaḥ.....śaḍāhuraṅgāni Maheśvarasya* cited by the Śaivas to illustrate the greatness of Śiva is quoted by Udayana in *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (Book V) in support of the argument for the existence of God; and Udayana's own lines at the end of Book I

देवोऽसौ विरतप्रपञ्चरचनाकलोलकोलाहकः ।

साक्षात् साक्षित्वा मनसमिरतिं ब्रह्मणु शान्तो मम ॥

1 'न चान्य आगमो लोकयात्रामुद्वहन् महाजनपरिगृहीत ईश्वरप्रणीततया सर्वमागो दृश्यते ।.....वेदा एव सकललोकयात्रा-मुद्वहन्तो हिताहितप्राप्तिपरिहारोपायमुपदिशन्त ईश्वरप्रणीता इत्यवगच्छामः ।.....पुरादिवाक्यानि तु न लोकयात्रामुद्वहन्ति । न च तत्र लौकिकानामविगानं.....तस्माद्विगानात् कैश्चिदेव श्लेष्कादिभिर्ननुच्चार्यतैः बहुधावैः परिग्रहात् नैवेपामासोक्तत्वसंभवः' 2. 1. 68.

2 'रतमादयः कथं ये स्थुनिलानन्दात्मके शिवे'; 'बलैश्चयेव बुधनानि समुद्वहन्ति, तिष्ठन्ति यान्ति च पुनर्विकथं बुधान्ते। तस्मै समस्तफलभोगनिबन्धनाय, नित्यप्रदुःखमुद्विताय नमः शिवाय ॥' etc.

3 'शिवदर्शनामोक्ष इति'.

may be compared with some of the doctrinal verses of the Śaiva school quoted in the preceding chapter. The identity of Śiva with Īśvara seems to have been an accepted fact; and as late as the twelfth century Vāḍideva Śūri freely uses the term Śiva and its equivalents in his detailed criticism of the Nyāya conception of God in *Pramāṇa-naya-tattvālokaśāhikā* 2. 26. But in spite of the affinities between the Śaivas and the Nyāya school, the former had an independent system with doctrines of their own; and while the Nyāya school maintained that God was the author of the Vedas, the Śaivas attributed their Śāstras to the omniscient Śiva, and claimed that the Vedas, too, were created by him. It is noteworthy that the *Īśānasivagurudevapaddhati* (Kriyāpāda, chap. I) quotes various Śaiva texts to prove that Śiva is not only the author of the Śaiva Āgamas but of the Vedas.<sup>1</sup> The claim was not probably repugnant to the Naiyāyikas who were, generally speaking, Śaivas; and the interconnection of the two schools accounts for the fact that the *Īśānasivagurudevapaddhati* (op. cit.) quotes a well-known verse of Jayanta's *Nyāyamāñjarī*,<sup>2</sup> declaring Parameśvara (God) to be the author of the Vedas, in support of the Śaiva claim that Śiva was their author.

## SĀMĀKHYAS

We have reproduced Somadeva's criticism of Sāṃkhya doctrines in the preceding chapter, and may here cite another criticism of Sāṃkhya views by a Jaina writer, Devasena, a senior contemporary of Somadeva, who wrote his *Darśanasāra* at Dhārā in 938 A. D.<sup>3</sup> He says in his *Bhāvasaṃgraha* that according to the Sāṃkhya system, Prakṛti does everything and the Self is subject to neither virtue nor sin: this is a negation of moral responsibility and leads to vice and corruption. The Sāṃkhyas, according to Devasena, are addicted to worldly pleasures, consummate drunkards, and devoid of compassion for living creatures; they are given to stealing, reject virtue, and indulge in evil practices.

जीवो सदा भक्त्या युक्ता न तु होइ पुण्यपावस्त । इव पयडिऊण कोइ महिया बहिणी सधूवा बि ॥ १७९ ॥  
एइ बिसवासला कमुम्मासा न जीवदपरहिवा । परनिषधणहरणरया जगहियधम्मा दुराचारा ॥ १८० ॥

With this view of Sāṃkhya philosophy may be compared that of Āsuri in the episode of Caṇḍakarman in *Yasastilaka* towards the end of Book

- 1 E. G., अत्र किरणे—“पुंसांमनुमहार्यं तु परोऽन्यपरतां गतः । कृत्वा मन्त्रात्मकं देहं वसितं तन्नाण्यनेकधा ॥” × × × स्वावन्मुने—“पुनः सेष्ठावतारेषु तत्रं वायुपतं तथा । वाकुलं सोमतत्रं च जगाद परमेश्वरः ॥ × × × तस्मादत्यन्तमाप्तेन सिधेन क्षुतयोऽसिद्धिः । प्रणीताः सर्वकर्मेति धर्माणं जायते सताम् ॥” × × × तत्रया—“महा भूत्वा जगत् सर्वं सदेवास्तुमायुषम् । यत् सृजत्यनुमध्यस्वं ततो मन्त्रात्मने जमः ॥” इति । एतस्मादपि वेदानां वक्ता वेयो महेश्वरः ॥ ६१ ॥
- 2 तथा च न्याये—“वेदेषु पुनः कर्ता नहि बाह्यस्तादृशः । किं नैकोऽन्यनिर्माणनिपुणः परमेश्वरः ॥” *Nyāyamāñjarī*, Chap. III.
- 3 See Introduction to नवचक्रसंग्रहः p. 12 (*Māṇikāśandra Jaina Granthamālā*).

तस्यास्यसांख्यार्वाकवेदवैद्यकपर्दिनाम् । मतं विहाय हातम्यं मांसं भेषोऽपिभिः सदा ॥

## BĀRHA SPATYAS

<sup>1</sup> See Chap. VIII.

2 See Chap. XIII. The Pāsupata views on the subject are very similar. See below.

3 'प्रयुक्तलोकायतमतधर्मो' Vol. II, p. 259.

३ लोकायनमिनि प्रोक्तं पुरमत्र तथापरम् । नार्हस्यलाभ ने लोका ये वास्तव्याः पुरेऽत्र भोः ॥ Book IV.



views of the Bārhaspatya school are discussed by Vimuktātman in *Iṣṭasiddhi* VII. 18; a work composed between 850 and 1050 A. D.<sup>1</sup>

In spite of frequent references to the Lokāyatikas or the Cārvākas, as they are popularly called, in Indian philosophical literature, no systematic work of this school has come down to us, which we can point out as the source of the statements of Somadeva and other scholars who have dealt with Lokāyata doctrines. That there was a work called the *Bārhaspatya Sūtra* seems certain and possibly it was quite brief. Bhāskara in his *Brahmasūtra Bhāṣya* 3. 3. 53 refers, like Śaṅkara, to the Lokāyatikas, and quotes some aphorisms of the Bārhaspatya school. He says:

तथा बार्हस्पत्यानि सूत्राणि—‘पृथिव्यस्तेजो वायुरिति तत्त्वानि, तत्समुदाये शरीरेन्द्रियविषयसंज्ञा, तेभ्यश्चैतन्यं, किञ्चादिभ्यो मदक्षतिकवद्विज्ञानमिति ।

The first three of the aphorisms cited above are reproduced also in Vidyānanda's *Tattvārtha-sloka-vārtika* 1. 104 with slight variations:

पृथिव्यापस्तेजो वायुरिति तत्त्वानि, तत्समुदायः शरीरेन्द्रियसंज्ञाविषयः, तेभ्यश्चैतन्यम् ।

Bhāskara and Vidyānanda are assigned to the ninth century, and it may be assumed that the Bārhaspatya Sūtras were current in their time. In addition to the Sūtras quoted by them, the following Lokāyata aphorisms and dicta are cited in Kamalāsīla's commentary on Śāntarakṣita's *Tattvasaṃgraha* (vv. 1858, 1872):

तथाहि तस्यैतत् सूत्रम्—‘परलोकिनोऽभावात् परलोकाभावः’ इति । तथाहि—‘पृथिव्यापस्तेजो वायुरिति चत्वारि तत्त्वानि, तेभ्यश्चैतन्यम्’ इति । तत्र केचिद्वसिष्ठरा व्याचक्षते—उत्पद्यते तेभ्यश्चैतन्यम्, अन्ये अभिव्यज्यत इत्याहुः । (Under v. 1858).

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अथोक्तम्—‘एतावानेव पुरुषो यावानिन्द्रियगोचरः’ तथा ‘पुनरुक्तदेशान्तरं कालान्तरमवस्थान्तरं वा परलोकः’ इति । (Under v. 1872).

Śāntarakṣita quotes a Lokāyata aphorism in verse 1864 and attributes it to Kambalāśvatara:

कायादेव ततो ज्ञानं प्राणाशानाद्यधिष्ठितम् । युक्तं जायत इत्येतत् कम्बलाश्वतरोदितम् ॥

Kamalāsīla remarks: तथा च सूत्रम्—कायादेवेति । कम्बलाश्वतरोदितमिति. As pointed out by G. N. Kaviraj,<sup>2</sup> Śāṅkara Bhāṣya on the *Vedāntasūtras* 3. 3. 53 cites the following Lokāyata aphorisms: ‘तेभ्यश्चैतन्यम्’ ‘मदक्षतिकवद्विज्ञानम्’ ‘चैतन्यविशिष्टः कायः पुरुषः’, and Sadānanda in *Advaita-brahma-siddhi* cites two more: ‘काम एवैकः पुरुषार्थः’ ‘मरणमेवापवर्गः’. It will be seen that the followers of the Lokāyata school recognise four elements only, but Guṇaratna tells us in his commentary on the relevant

1 अथाहुर्बार्हस्पत्याः—भेदेऽभेदेऽप्ययुक्तत्वान्मुक्तेः पुंसोऽप्यदर्शनात् । देहाद्येवास्ति दृष्टत्वाच्चात्मा मुक्तिश्च नेति चेत् ॥

2 See Introduction to the work in Gachowad's *Oriental Series*.

3 *Sarasvatī Bhavan Studies*, Vol. III, p. 65.

section of Haribhadra's *Saḍḍarsana-samuccaya* that certain among them include Ākāśa as the fifth element. In *Yasastilaka* VIII. 37<sup>1</sup> Somadeva mentions only four elements in connection with the system of Bṛhaspati, who is described as attributing consciousness to earth, air, water and fire, but not to the Self.<sup>2</sup>

Apart from aphorisms, a collection of verses containing Lokāyata doctrines seems to have long existed, and such verses are occasionally met with in Indian philosophical literature. One such verse, namely,

एतावानेव पुरुषो बाबालिन्द्रियगोचरः । मदे दृक्पदं हेतुद् बहुवृत्ति बहुभुजाः ॥

is cited by Candrakīrti (6th century) in his commentary on Nāgārjuna's *Mūla-madhyamaka-kārikās* (Chap. 18); while this as well as an accompanying verse<sup>3</sup> is quoted in Haribhadra's *Saḍḍarsanasamuccaya* (vv. 81, 82). A Lokāyata verse is quoted also by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*, Book V, p. 253:

बाबजीवेद् सुखं जीवेन्नानि मृत्पौरुषोचरः । मसीभूतस्य शास्त्रस्य पुनरागमनं कुतः ॥

It is an oft-quoted verse and cited among earlier writers by Jayanta in *Nyāyamañjarī* (Chap. 7).

Among early works the famous Mahāyāna text *Saddharma-piṇḍarīka*, prior to the third century A. D., alludes to the Lokāyata system at least twice;<sup>4</sup> while the interesting summary of Lokāyata views in Vātsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* is reproduced by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, P. 92.<sup>5</sup> Bāṇa in his *Kādambarī* refers to the teachings of the system as promoting sinful tendencies;<sup>6</sup> while in *Harṣacarita*, Book VIII, the Lokāyatikas are mentioned among the adherents of diverse schools of thought who studied and taught in the hermitage of Divākaramitra in the Vindhya forest.

Somadeva's discussion of Lokāyata views in *Yasastilaka*, Books V and VI, is an important contribution to our knowledge of the subject.

1 भूषणनवनानलतत्त्वकेषु विषयो निगृणाति विभागेषु । न पुनर्विदि तद्विपरीतधर्मेषां प्रवीति तत्तस्य कर्म ॥ Vol. II, p. 388. Ms. A says ( विभागं ) विभेदनं ज्ञानम् । विदि आप्नयति । See also preceding Chapter (section on Cārvāka doctrines).

2 Ajita Kesakambali, who was a contemporary of Buddha and professed the doctrine of annihilation (*ucchedavāda*), held that a human being is composed of four elements (earth, water, air and fire). 'नापुम्यहाभूतिको अयं पुरिसो.' See the *Sāmaññā-phala Sutta* in *Dīghanikāya*.

3 विदुः खाद च बाह्यलोचने यदसीत् वरुणाग्निं तन्न ते । न हि भीह गतं निवर्तते समुद्रयमात्रमिदं कलेवरम् ॥

4 'अग्नेषु सृष्टेषु न कदापि चिन्ता लोकायतैरन्वयतैश्च शास्त्रैः' III. 148; 'न च तेषां लोकायते हविर्न विभज्यते' Chap. XXVI.

5 See Chap. XVIII.

6 'लोकायतिकविषयेनाधर्मस्ये'.

Among his literary predecessors Haribhadra gives an interesting exposition of the doctrines of the school in *Samantika-kāṇḍa*, Book III, in the dialogue between the Jaina teacher Vijayasinhha and a Nāstikavādin.<sup>1</sup> Similarly, in a story in *Vasudevahindī*, Book IV, a king named Kurucandra is introduced as a Nāstikavādin, whose views are briefly described.<sup>2</sup> Jayanta says in *Nyāyamahājari* (chap. 4) that the Lokāyata is mere casuistry and not an authoritative system, as it does not inculcate any duty;<sup>3</sup> but he takes care to expound the tenets of the school at the beginning of Chap. 7, and towards the end of the same chapter calls the Cārvākas 'susikṣita, well-trained, describing and refuting their views.

#### NAIYĀYIKAS

While enumerating the theories of salvation put forward by the different schools of thought, Somadeva does not refer to the Naiyāyikas, obviously because their view of *mokṣa* does not differ from that of the Vaiśeṣikas which is defined by him as the complete cessation of the specific attributes of the soul.<sup>4</sup> Somadeva says: 'ज्ञानमुक्तदुःखेच्छाद्वेषप्रयत्नधर्माधर्मसंस्काराणां नवसंस्काराणां समाप्त्युपानामनन्त्यन्तमुक्तिर्मुक्तिः' इति श्रुत्वादाः १. With this may be compared the statement of Jayanta defining the Nyāya conception of salvation in *Nyāyamahājari* (Chap. 9): नवानामात्मगुणानां बुद्धिमुक्तदुःखेच्छाद्वेषप्रयत्नधर्माधर्मसंस्काराणां निर्मूलोच्छेदोऽपवर्ग इत्युक्तं भवति । Jayanta goes on to say:

दुःखाद्वेषप्रयत्नादि भोगावतलवन्धनम् । उच्छिन्नभोगावतनो नात्मा तैरपि पुन्यते ॥

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अनु तन्नामवस्थायां कीदृगात्माऽवस्थिते । स्वरूपैकप्रतिष्ठायाः परित्यक्तोऽसिद्धैर्गुणैः ॥

Somadeva seems to refer to the Nyāya theory of salvation in a verse addressed to the Arhat in *Yasastilaka* VIII. 39 (Vol. II, p. 396):

अमुलदीपनिर्वाणे प्राकृते वा त्वयि स्फुटम् । अमुलदीपनिर्वाणे प्राकृतं साजगज्ज्वलम् ॥

The verse refers to three types of salvation: *kha-nirvāṇa*, sky-like salvation, *supta-nirvāṇa*, sleep-like salvation, and *dipa-nirvāṇa*, salvation like the going out of a lamp. According to a marginal note in Ms. A, *dipa-nirvāṇa* refers to the Buddhist view; *supta-nirvāṇa* to the Sāṃkhya view (because, according to that system, the emancipated Self, although conscious, perceives nothing); and *kha-nirvāṇa* to the Nyāya view, because, as we have seen, the Naiyāyikas believe *mokṣa* to be a

1 P. 164 ff. 'प्रत्यन्तरमि'.....नादिववादिनां अनिव'.....

2 'तो वा राव' नादिववादी, 'इदिवसमागमनेचं पुरितकम्पना, मध्वंगसमाधय मयसंभव इव, न यतो परमवसंकमनसहीतो अस्ति, न मुक्तमुक्तमकं देवनेरदस्य कोऽनुभवद'ति ववसिजो.....

3 न हि कोऽप्ये किंचिद् वदन्त्यनुपदिश्यते । वैतर्किकवैवाची न पुनः कश्चिदायनः ॥

4 See preceding Chapter.

colourless condition like that of the sky, in which the Self exists bereft of all attributes.<sup>1</sup>

It may be noted that there is another conception of salvation different from the usual Nyāya view, and associated with the name of Bhāsarvajña, an important writer of the Nyāya school, assigned to about the middle of the tenth century. It is probable that Somadeva, like Śrīharṣa, who also refers to the Nyāya doctrine of salvation in *Naiṣadhacarita* 17. 75, was either not acquainted with the views of Bhāsarvajña or perhaps ignored them in his treatment of the current theories of salvation.<sup>2</sup>

#### PĀSUPATAS

Somadeva describes and criticises the procedure recommended by the Pāsupatas for the attainment of salvation, but he does not tell us anything about the kind of *mokṣa* contemplated by them. The Pāsupata conception of salvation, according to certain writers, is not different from that of the Nyāya school. This requires some explanation.

Śaṅkara in his *Bhāṣya* on the *Vedāntasūtras* 2. 2. 37 criticises the doctrines of the Pāsupatas, but he refers to them simply as Māheśvaras, followers of the system propounded by Śiva.<sup>3</sup> The Pāsupatas were a Śaiva sect, and we know that there were four Śaiva sects in the ninth century, as both Vācaspati and Bhāskara refer to them, the former in his *Bhāmātī* and the latter in his *Brahmasūtra Bhāṣya* 2. 2. 37. The four sects are Śaivas, Pāsupatas, Kāpālikas and Kāruṇika-siddhāntins, the latter being called Kāthaka-siddhāntins by Bhāskara. The four-fold division of the Śaiva sects is found also in Yāmuna-cārya's *Āgamaprāmāṇya* (latter half of the eleventh century), but here the names given are Śaivas, Pāsupatas, Kāpālikas and Kālāmukhas. This classification is followed in Rāmānuja's *Sribhāṣya*.

1 Applied to the Arhat, the epithet is explained as रागद्वेषमोहरहितत्वात् आकाशवत् शून्यं योग-निद्रायां सुप्तं दीपवत् केवलज्ञानेन चोत्कृष्टम्.

2 See the English translation of *Naiṣadhacarita* of Śrīharṣa, Appendix I, P. 497 ff.

3 According to Śaṅkara, the Māheśvaras believe in five categories: *Kārya*, *Kāraṇa*, *Yoga*, *vidhi*, and *duḥkḥānta*, which are all Pāsupata tenets. Cf. *Āgamaprāmāṇya*: तत्रैषा पापपतप्रक्रिया ।.....तत्र पञ्च पदार्थास्तु व्याख्यानाः कारणादयः । कारणं कार्यं विधिवौगो दुःखान्तः ॥ Vācaspati in *Bhāmātī* explains Māheśvaras as referring to the four Śaiva sects including the Pāsupatas, but his interpretation of *yoga* and *vidhi* is based on Pāsupata texts. He says योगोऽप्योकारादिध्यानधारणादिः । विधिलिखणस्नानादिगृह्यवाक्यानि, with which may be compared the following Pāsupata *sūtras*: मलना त्रिषवणं शरीरम् । 1. 2; गृह्यतः गृह्यविश्रवणिः 4. 2. 3; ओकारमभिध्यायेत्, इति कुर्वीत धारणाम् । 5. 24, 25.

We learn from Bhāskara (op. cit.) that the Pāsupatas and the Kāpālikas hold the same view of salvation as the Vaiśeṣikas and the Naiyāyikas, that is, suppose the emancipated Self to be divested of all specific attributes, resembling a block of stone.<sup>1</sup> As for the Śaivas, their conception of *mokṣa* is said to be identical with that of the Sāṃkhyas, that is, according to them, the emancipated Self subsists in a pristine condition of pure consciousness. Bhāskara says: पाशुपतवैशेषिकनैयायिकापास्तिकानामविशिष्टाः सुखसवस्थायां पाषाणकल्पा आत्मानो भवन्तीति । सांख्यशैवयोश्च विशिष्टा आत्मानश्चैतन्यसमावाप्तिरुच्यते । Yāmūnācārya, who gives an account of the Śaiva sects in his *Āgamaprāmāṇya*, offers the same interpretation of the Pāsupata conception of salvation as Bhāskara. He explains *duḥkhānta*, one of the fundamental tenets of the Pāsupata system, as absolute cessation of pain, and states that the Pāsupatas regard this as *mukti*, a condition characterized by the annihilation of the entire range of the specific attributes of the Self: आत्यन्तिकी दुःखनिवृत्तिर्दुःखान्तशब्देनोक्ता तामेव निःशेष-वैशेषिकात्मगुणोच्छेदलक्षणां मुक्तिं मन्यन्ते । *Duḥkhānta* is in fact the apex of the Pāsupata system. As explained in the Ratna commentary on the *Gaṇakārikā* (p. 9), in a negative sense, *duḥkhānta* is absolute cessation of all pain: while, in a positive sense, it corresponds to *siddhi* or the possession of supernatural power like that of Śiva. *Siddhi* is of two kinds: *jñānaśakti* or the potency of knowledge and *Kriyāśakti* or the potency of action, which has three aspects: extraordinary speed, the power to assume shapes at will, and boundless might with the body and the organs intact. The attainment of the twofold *siddhi* is followed by ten other *siddhis* or miraculous powers:<sup>2</sup> for example, absolute freedom, irresistible knowledge, freedom from risk to life, complete fearlessness, freedom from the effects of old age and from the pangs of death, lack of all hindrances, overlordship etc. The Pāsupata system thus lays great stress on the attainment of supernormal powers; but *siddhi* does not stand alone, as it belongs to a group of five *lābhas* or ways of perfection recognised by the school, the others being *jñāna*, *tapas*, *nityatva* and *stṛiti*. *Jñāna* is knowledge of the truths. *Tapas* is *dharma* or discipline produced by the observance of practices such as *bhasmasnāna*. The Ratna commentary declares that the devotee is misled from the right path by the thief Adharma and protected by Dharma acting

1 For a different view of the Kāpālika ideal of salvation see Chap. XIII. For a discussion of the Nyāya view see *Naiyādhacarita* 17. 75 and the English Translation, Appendix I (op. cit.).

2 'सर्वदुःखापोहो दुःखान्तः । स द्विविधोऽनात्मकः सात्मकश्चेति । तत्रानात्मकः सर्वदुःखानामत्यन्तोच्छेदः, सात्मकस्तु सर्वेश्वरैश्वर्यलक्षणा सिद्धिः । सा द्विरूपा ज्ञानशक्तिः क्रियाशक्तिश्चेति । तत्र ज्ञानमेव शक्तिर्ज्ञानशक्तिः । ..... क्रियाहेतुः शक्तिः क्रियाशक्तिः सा त्रिविधा मनोजवित्वादिभेदा । तत्र निरतिशयं शीघ्रकारित्वं मनोजवित्वं, ..... संभूतकारवेन्द्रियस्यापि निरतिशयैश्वर्यसंयन्तित्वं विकरणव्यमित्वं चेति । यदा त्वेवं द्विरूपा सिद्धिः प्राप्यते तदा दश सिद्धिलक्षणावयवस्त्वादीनि वसित्वान्तानि भवन्ति ।'

like a city magistrate (*purapāla*). The power of Dharma (*dharmasakti*) is revealed in the devotee's strength of mind which is not perturbed even by the songs and music of a Rambhā. Nityatva is constant devotion to the deity. Sthiti is firm concentration of the mind free from impurities on Rudra. The Pāśupata seems to have been a system of religious discipline rather than a school of speculative thought.

Kaundinya's commentary on the Pāśupata Sūtras gives a fuller picture of the moral discipline of the Pāśupata school at an early stage of its evolution. It is based on the *yamas* or modes of self-restraint, viz., *ahimsā*, *brahmacarya*, *satya*, *asamvyavahāra*, *śauca*, *āhāralāghava* and *apramāda*.

Ahimsā is non-injury which is almost as comprehensive as that of the Jainas. Even the lighting of fire is forbidden to avoid hurting sentient beings. Water should be filtered before use through a cloth or a strainer to keep out tiny creatures. Edible vegetable-stalks, growing bulbs and ripe seeds are to be shunned for similar reasons.<sup>1</sup> Ahimsā, in short, is avoidance of injury to all forms of life by any process, mental, vocal or physical. The Bhāṣya of Kaundinya quotes the following verse, which declares *ahimsā* to be superior to the gift of the golden mount of Meru or the entire earth or the ocean full of jewels:

यो दद्याद् काञ्चनं मेरुं कृत्वा चैव वसुंधराम् । समुद्रं रत्नपूर्णं वा न दुष्पुत्रं स्वावर्तिसया ॥

It is interesting to note that Somadeva has a verse on the same subject in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV (p. 97), which appears to be a variation of the verse cited above:

यो दद्याद् काञ्चनं मेरुं कृत्वा चापि वसुंधराम् । एकल जीवितं दद्याद् फलेन न सर्वं भवेत् ॥

Brahmacarya or chastity does not require any explanation. Satya is speaking the truth. Kaundinya quotes in this connection a verse which declares that even a falsehood uttered in mercy to all creatures leads to heaven, but not the truth, which being spoken results in the destruction of the good.<sup>2</sup> Asamvyavahāra is keeping aloof from commercial transactions and the royal court. Asteya is abstention from stealing which includes *anadhikāra-pratigraha* (acquisition of property) and *anupālambha* (swindling money out of others). Akrodha is forbearance. Gurusūśrūṣā is serving one's teacher with devotion. Śauca is purity, physical, mental and spiritual. Physical impurities are removed by the use of holy ashes. More important is *bhāvasauca* or purity of thoughts. Ātmasauca or spiritual purity is effected

1 Flesh food is permitted provided it does not involve killing, and is lawfully acquired. It is permissible to eat, for instance, the flesh of wild boars and buffaloes. See Kaundinya on Pāśupata Sūtras 5. 16.

2 स्वर्गमनुतेन गच्छति दयार्थमुक्तेन सर्वभूतानाम् । तलेनापि न गच्छति सतां विनाशार्थमुक्तेन ॥

by submission to humiliation, insult and opprobrium. *Āhāralāghava* is temperance in eating which follows from the injunction to live on alms, *Apramāda* is constant vigilance in the practice of self-restraint.

The early *Pāsupatas* appear to have led an austere life without any fixed abode and worldly ties. According to the *Pāsupata Sūtras*, the devotee lives in a deserted house or a cave or even on a cremation ground (5. 9, 80). He wears a single piece of cloth and, if possible, dispenses with clothing altogether as a token of renunciation of all possessions (1. 10, 11). It is, however, doubtful if in later times such rules were strictly followed. The *Pāsupata* mendicant is enjoined to live on alms; and according to *Kauṇḍīnya*, even the holy ashes should be obtained by begging. This appears to be conditioned by the rule of *ahiṃsā* which prohibits the kindling of a fire.<sup>1</sup> The *Pāsupata* contempt for Vedic sacrifices was a natural consequence of the principle of *ahiṃsā*.<sup>2</sup>

Yoga is preliminary to emancipation. *Kauṇḍīnya* frequently defines *yoga* as connection of the individual soul with *Īśvara*; and the *Pāsupata* system, in fact, inculcates a process of Yogic discipline (*yogavidhi*), as mentioned in the opening *Sūtra*. The devotee assiduously observes the essential religious practices,<sup>3</sup> adores *Mahādeva* with wholehearted and constant devotion, and cultivates the *yamas* or the different kinds of self-restraint. He contemplates the sacred formulas and practises meditation: this is *kriyāyoga*. With his mind diverted from the objects of sense, he is ripe for the real *yoga*, that feeling of the self as the self, directed towards *Maheśvara* as the ultimate goal.<sup>4</sup> Supernatural powers of vision, hearing, thought-reading and knowledge come to the *Siddha* who has attained perfection in Yoga. The *Siddha* attains supernormal qualities like omniscience, speed like that of the mind etc.; and these are called *guṇadharmas*, the possession of supreme faculties like those of *Maheśvara* obtained through His favour.<sup>5</sup> The *Siddhis* or supreme attainments, which are also *guṇas*, are finally acquired by the devotee. All creatures come under his control, but he is not subject to the control of any; he dominates the minds of all, but he is not subject to similar domination; he has the power of life and death over others, but he is not subject to any such power;

1 *Kauṇḍīnya* 1. 2 says: भैक्षवत् मलार्जनं कर्तव्यम्.....अहिंसकत्वात्.

2 *Kauṇḍīnya* 2. 15 says: संग्रहप्रतिग्रहहिंसादियुक्तेन अवेणाभिमिदृष्टिदर्शनात्.....अनित्यसाक्षिण्यसंकीर्ण-कलत्वाच्च कुपयजनान्यप्रियोमादीनि.

3 See Chapter VIII.

4 *Kauṇḍīnya* 1. 20 says: अक्षयनयानादिकृष्णः क्रियायोगश्चरतः प्रवर्तत इत्यर्थः !.....विषयेभ्यः प्रत्याहृत-चित्तस्य.....योऽयमात्मन्यात्मभाव स महेश्वरे प्रवर्तत इत्यर्थः.

5 *Kauṇḍīnya* 1. 21-26.



he is free from fear, and his power suffers no diminution; he conquers old age and death. Endowed with the Siddhis, the aspirant becomes the Mahāganapati or the associate of Mahādeva.<sup>1</sup>

Fervent devotion to Rudra in this life and intimate association with Him in the life beyond is the goal set before the Pāsupata devotee. The highest Yoga is absorbed concentration on the supreme Rudra, discarding shape and form. This aspect of the deity is called *vāgvisuddha* 'one that transcends the range of speech'.<sup>2</sup> The devotee, in his turn, becomes *dharmātman* or the embodiment of *dharma* as revealed in the process of discipline starting with the *yamas* and culminating in *māhātmya* or that constancy of soul which enables him to devote himself to the religious life.<sup>3</sup> Thus endowed, he attains *rudra-sāyujya* or direct association with Rudra.<sup>4</sup> It is clear that the devotee does not merge his identity in the godhead, as we are told that, 'having gone near Rudra' by the prescribed method, the Brāhmaṇa never returns; that is, he is released from the cycle of births.<sup>5</sup> But, before such a consummation is reached, it is essential to destroy the root cause of the *doṣas* or evils. The evils are the various forms of sense experience which lead to lust, wrath, greed, desire, hatred and the rest. Further, the objects of worldly endeavour are also evils on account of the misery caused by their acquisition, preservation and loss, the discontent produced by the insatiabale desire for more and more of them, and injury to others involved in their acquisition and enjoyment. The root cause of the evils is stated to be *adharma*, which causes mental distraction and makes the devotee incapable of living the full religious life.<sup>6</sup>

Once the mind, free from the *doṣas*, is established in its pristine purity and concentrated on Rudra, the devotee reaches the next higher stage. Dharma and Adharma have ceased to operate, and actions and the means thereof are practically non-existent; the Sādhaka stands alone (*ekra*) above the physical plane with his mind fixed on Rudra. Adharma, the chief obstacle to Yoga, is no longer active, and the Sādhaka, free from

1 Kaundinya 1. 27-38.

2 5. 27. Kaundinya quotes the following verse: जाकृतिमपि परिहृत्य ध्यानं नित्यं परे रुद्रे । येन प्राप्तं योगे सुहृत्तमसि तत्परो योगः ॥ The commentary on *Gaṇakārīkā* says: नित्यानागन्तुकैर्बर्धयुक्तैः परमकारणे । यत्र बाधो निवर्तन्ते बाधिशुद्धः स कीर्तितः ॥

3 5. 31; 2. 14.

4 Kaundinya 5. 33 says: साक्षाद् रुद्रेण सह संयोगः सायुज्यम् । .....योगस्य सम्बन्धं सायुज्यमिति योगपर्यायोऽवगम्यते.

5 4. 19, 20.

6 See Kaundinya on *Pāsupata Sūtras* 5. 35.

the *doṣas*, stands like a man who has traversed a forest; he is *kṣemin* with his mind concentrated on Rudra. All actions have ceased, and he is devoid of activity; he is *sat* with his mind firmly devoted to Rudra. All thoughts relating to pursuits of good and evil have ceased; and the *Sādhaka* is now *viśasoka*, free from anxious thoughts.<sup>1</sup>

Having reached this stage, the unerring devotee comes to the end of all forms of pain and misery through the grace of Maheśvara.<sup>2</sup> This is *duḥkhānta*, but it is not a negative condition, as pointed out by Kaundinya. For emancipation is not merely absolute cessation of all forms of misery but the attainment of *guṇas* or excellences, that is, the supernormal powers which figure so prominently in the Pāsupata system.<sup>3</sup>

It will be seen that the interpretation of the Pāsupata view of salvation as a condition devoid of the specific attributes of the soul, put forward by later writers like Bhāskara and Yāmuna Muni, finds no support in the Pāsupata Sūtras and Kaundinya's commentary. The latter clearly states that, while in the Sāṃkhya-Yoga view the emancipated beings abide in a condition similar to a swoon without the knowledge of self and others, the Mukta in the Pāsupata view is fully endowed with knowledge.<sup>4</sup> The Pāsupatas were, however, a very widely spread sect; and it is possible that there were adherents of the school who held views similar to those recorded by Bhāskara and Yāmuna Muni.

The Pāsupata system is honourably mentioned along with the Vedas, Sāṃkhya, Yoga, and Pāñcarātra in the following verse cited by Aparāditya (12th century) in his commentary on *Yājñavalkya Smṛti* 8. 7 : सांख्यं योगः पाञ्चरात्र वेदाः पाशुपतं तथा । अतिप्रमाणान्येतानि हेतुमिर्न विचारयेत् ॥ इति अदृश्यत्वेन हेत्वविचारणीयत्वेन च देवीपुराणयोगशास्त्र-वत्कथयोरदृश्यत्वेन तस्य स्मरणम्.

There is no doubt that the Pāsupatas continued to be an influential sect till as late as the twelfth century. They as well as the Śaivas regarded God (i. e. Śiva or Paśupati) as the efficient cause of the universe, unlike the Bhāgavatas or Pāñcarātras who regarded Vāsudeva, the Supreme Soul, as both the efficient and the material cause of the universe, as pointed out by Śaṅkara in his *Bhāṣya* on the *Vedāntasūtras* 2. 2. 37, 42. Aparāditya

1 Kaundinya 5. 39.

2 5. 40.

3 Kaundinya says : संहारं प्राप्तस्य निगच्छमुक्ताधिकारबन्धुकावतिशयितगुणप्राप्त्यर्थम् उच्यते—गच्छेद् दुःखानामन्तम् । दुःखानामन्तमन्तं परमापोहो गुणव्यतिष्ठ परं भवतीति । तदुभयमपि इत एव भवतीति.

4 'अथ सांख्ययोगमुक्ताः किं न विवेचिताः । उच्यते—विवेचिताः । कथम् । तद्विज्ञानातिशयात् कथम् । सांख्ययोगमुक्ताः' नैवस्वगताः स्वात्मपरात्मज्ञानरहिताः संवृष्टितवद् विताः । अस्य तु ज्ञानमस्ति ।' (5. 39) 'एवं यत् सांख्यं योगश्च ब्रह्मेति असमादिशुक्ताः मुक्ताः शान्तिं प्राप्ता इति, तद्विशिष्टं तेषां दर्शनेनम् ।' (5. 8).

(op. cit.) gives the following definition of the theistic conception of the Śaivas and the Pāsupatas, and calls it *bhedeśvara-vāda*: तथा च शैवाः— प्रधानपुरुष-  
योरधिष्ठाता केवलं निमित्तकारणमीश्वर इतरेतरविलक्षणाः प्रधानपुरुषेश्वरा इति भेदेश्वरवादिनः । .....पाशुपताः पुनः  
कार्यकारणयोगविधिदुःखान्ताः पञ्च पदार्थाः पशुपतिनेश्वरेण पशुपाशविमोचनार्थमुद्दिष्टा इति भेदेश्वरवादमेवातीकुर्वन्ति.

The Pāsupatas as a Śaiva sect were in conflict with the Jainas. They are, for instance, mentioned along with Śaivas, Kāpālikas, Sāṃkhyas and Buddhists in the Śravana Belgola epitaph of Malliṣeṇa of 1129 A. D. or thereabouts, engraved on a pillar of the temple of Pārśvanātha on the Candragiri hill, which describes a Jaina teacher named Vimalacandra as having publicly challenged all of them to controversy (verse 26).<sup>1</sup> Another Jaina reference to the Pāsupatas is in Hemacandra's *Yogāsūtra* 4. 102 wherein he describes a number of Pāsupata practices (vv. 26-22),<sup>2</sup> which can be better understood by referring to the account of the system in the Ratna commentary on *Gaṇakārikā*. The Pāsupatas, it may be noted, indulged in ceremonial singing and dancing and made various kinds of what to them were auspicious sounds. Hemacandra, however, presents them in an unfavourable light, as liars and quacks and of loose morals. His remarks should be taken with a grain of salt as the relations between the Jainas and the Śaiva sects were not very cordial.<sup>3</sup>

It will be seen that we have an almost unbroken record of Pāsupata tenets from about the eighth to the twelfth century. The Pāsupata school seems to have undergone a sort of revival in the tenth century. The brief but authoritative text *Gaṇakārikā* was composed in this century; and not only Somadeva but Udayana, as stated below, refers to the system. A Mysore inscription, dated 943 A. D., states that Lakulīśa, the traditional founder of the Pāsupata system, became incarnate as a sage named Cilluka to preserve the continuity of his name and doctrines, which points to a revival of Pāsupata teachings in the Mysore country in the latter half of the tenth century; and the sect, in fact, wielded considerable influence in that region for nearly two centuries after this. An inscription found in the temple of Harṣanātha in the Sikar principality of Jaipur State mentions a scholar named Viśvarūpa who was a teacher of the Pañcārtha-Lākulāmnāya, that is, the sacred book of Lakulin, called Pañcārtha.<sup>4</sup> The inscription is dated 957 A. D., and Viśvarūpa was thus a contemporary of Somadeva.<sup>5</sup>

1 More about this inscription in Chap. XIII.

2 Hemacandra says जटापटलमल्लारामकौपीनधारिणाम् । अर्कधरूरमाखरैर्वेवपूजाविधायिनाम् ॥ कुर्वतां गीतनृत्यादि  
पुत्री वादयतां मुहुः । मुहुर्वन्दननादेनातोषनादविधायिनाम् ॥ असंख्यभाषापूर्वं च मुनीन् देवान् जनान् ब्रह्मताम् । विधाय  
व्रतमङ्गं च दासीदासत्वमिच्छताम् ॥ गृह्णतां मुञ्चतां मूयो भूयः पाशुपतं व्रतम् । भेषजादिप्रयोगेण भूकालिष्ठं प्रणिज्जताम् ॥

3 See Chap. XIII

4 For references see Bhandarkar: *Vaiṣṇavism, Śaivism and Minor religious systems*, pp. 170-173. Poona edition, 1928.

5 For the early history of the Pāsupata sect and its expansion see Chap. XIII.

## RÉSUMÉ

Roughly speaking, Somadeva in his *Yasastilaka* considers certain doctrines of the Sāṃkhya, Buddhist, Vedānta, Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika, Lokāyata, Jaiminiya, Śaiva, Pāsupata and Kaula systems. Early in the tenth century Siddharṣi records the doctrines of the Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Sāṃkhya, Lokāyata, Buddhist and Mīmāṃsā systems in his *Upamiti-bhava-prapañcākhāḍā* (Chap. 4), and describes in this connection the views of the four schools of Buddhist thought: Vaibhāṣika, Sautrāntika, Yogācāra and Madhyamaka. Late in the century Udayana mentions several schools of thought at the beginning of his *Nyāyakusumāñjali*: the Aupaniṣadas or the Vedāntins, the Kāpilas or Sāṃkhyas, the Pātañjalas, the Mahāpāsupatas,<sup>1</sup> the Śaivas, the Vaiṣṇavas, the Paurāṇikas, the Yājñikas, the Digambara Jainas, the Mīmāṃsakas, the Naiyāyikas and the Cārvakas. A comparison of this list with the systems described by Somadeva, who seems to have been an elder contemporary of Udayana, shows that the Jaina writer does not mention the opinions of the Paurāṇikas as such nor does he refer to Vaiṣṇava doctrines or the Pāñcarātra system. As regards the Yājñikas, Somadeva mentions the Yāgajñas, 'Experts in sacrificial lore', along with the Buddhists and the Nāstikas in a verse occurring in *Yasastilaka* VIII. 43.<sup>2</sup> That the opinions of the Yājñikas still prevailed in the tenth century is shown by Somadeva's attack on Vedic sacrifices in the dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother in Book IV. The Yājñikas are mentioned also by Vidyānanda in *Tattvārthaśloka-vārtika* 1. 20 (verse 38), but here they appear to be identified with the Mīmāṃsakas.<sup>3</sup>

1 According to Varadarāja and Śaṅkara Miśra, the Mahāpāsupatas were those Pāsupatas who practised Mahāvratā, which usually means the Kāpālīka cult. See G. N. Kavirāja in *Sarasvatī Bhavana Studies*, Vol. II, p. 176. A Pāsupata appears in the farce *Mattavilāsaprahasana* composed early in the seventh century, and in it occurs the expression Mahāpāsupata (p. 26) which seems to refer to the Kāpālīka figuring in the play. As has already been stated, the Pāsupatas aimed at the acquisition of supernatural powers, and so did the Kāpālīkas (see Chap. XIII). It is probable that there was some affinity between the Mahāpāsupatas and the Kāpālīkas. It is, however, doubtful if the Mahāvratā mentioned in *Prabodhacandrodaya* 2.3 refers to the Pāsupata system, as explained in the *Prakāśa* commentary which says महाव्रतं पाशुपतव्रतं तत्संबन्धिनी महाव्रती पाशुपतशास्त्रज्ञेति. The verse in question refers to various exponents of the Mīmāṃsā system; and it is noteworthy that the *Candrikā* commentary takes the expression as referring to the work of a writer of the Bhāṭṭa school of Mīmāṃsā, named Mahāvratā. The verse in the play says: सुक्तं नापि महोदयेरपिगतं महाव्रती नेहिता. The *Candrikā* says महाव्रतो नाथ भट्टमतानुवर्ती महोदयिप्रतिस्पर्धी. See below for more about the verse.

2 'सायननास्तिकनागवज्रदिल्लीवकादिभिः' Vol. II, P. 406.

3 'कुरुरसरणं हेतुर्वाचिकानां वदीयते'

In the same work (1. 32 under verse 15) the Yājñika is said to reject Jaina notions such as those concerning Saṁvara, Nirjarā and Mokṣa.<sup>1</sup>

Statements such as those of Somadeva and Udayana help us to understand the character of the schools of thought current in their age. It may be added that Udayana refers also to the Tautātitas or the adherents of the Bhāṭṭa school of Mīmāṃsā at the beginning of his commentary on the *Prastapāda Bhāṣya* and to the Prābhākaras in *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (Chap. 3), mentioning in this connection a Gauḍa Mīmāṃsaka, who is identified with the Pañcikākāra in Varadarāja's commentary *Kusumāñjalibodhanī*. The Pañcikākāra is Śālikānātha, the wellknown author of *Prakaraṇapañcikā*, an important work of the Prābhākara school of Mīmāṃsā; and to judge from Udayana's sarcastic remarks about him, he might be the former's contemporary and, if so, lived in the tenth century.<sup>2</sup> Udayana refers also to Bhāskara's interpretation of the Vedānta in *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (chap. 2),<sup>3</sup> showing that Bhāskara's *Brahmasūtra Bhāṣya*, now almost forgotten, was current in his time. Going back a few years earlier than the tenth century, we come across Jayanta's *Nyāyamañjarī*, which also reveals a world of thought full of variety and covering a comprehensive range of intellectual activity. Jayanta refers to contemporary sects like Śaivas, Pāsupatas, Kaulas, Pāñcārātras, and Saṁsāramocakas (chap. 4); and throughout his work he records and criticises the views of diverse schools of thought such as Bhāṭṭas, Prābhākaras, Vedāntists, Buddhists, Sāṁkhya and Cārvākas, and noteworthy doctrines like Jñānakarma-samuccayavāda, Śabda-brahmavāda etc.

Apart from the schools of thought enumerated by Somadeva and Udayana, the tenth century saw also a revival of Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika studies, as witnessed by the works of Bhāsarvajña,<sup>4</sup> Vyomaśiva,<sup>5</sup> Udayana

1 'सर्वे निर्जरायां मोक्षे च तदसम्भवचनं याज्ञिकस्य विपर्ययः'

2 See Introduction to *Kusumāñjalibodhanī*, ed. G. N. Kaviraja. Varadarāja remarks: गौडो मीमांसकः पञ्चिकाकारः। गौडो हि वेदाध्ययनाभावाद् वेदत्वं न जानातीति गौडमीमांसकस्येत्युक्तमिति, p. 123. Varadarāja has been assigned to about the eleventh century. Śālikānātha is referred to in a verse of the allegorical play *Prabodhacandrodaya* of Kṛṣṇamiśra composed towards the end of the eleventh century: नैवाश्रयि गुरोर्मैतं.....तत्त्वज्ञानमहो न शारिकगिरां..... इत्तं नापि महोदधेरभिगतं.....Act 2, verse 3. The author of the *Candrikā* commentary on the play states that Mahodadhi was a fellow student with Śālikānātha and a writer of the Prābhākara School: महोदधिर्नाम शारिकनामा(य)सहस्रश्वचारी गुरुमते निबन्धनकर्ता. See N. S. edition.

3 'ब्रह्मपरिणतेरिति सास्त्रगोत्रे युज्यते'

4 See S. C. Vidyabhusan: *History of Indian Logic*, p. 358.

5 Vyomaśiva's date is circa 950 A. D. See Hindi Introduction to Pt. Mahendra Kumāra's edition of *न्यायतुमुच्यते*, P. 120.

and Śrīdhara; and we may include in the list even Jayanta who wrote towards the end of the preceding century.<sup>1</sup> Bhāsarvajña wrote *Nyāyasāra* on which there are numerous commentaries. Vyomaśiva wrote the *Vyomavallī* commentary on the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*. Udayana, who tried to fuse together Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika tenets,<sup>2</sup> wrote *Nyāyakusumāñjali*, *Ātmatattva-viveka*, *Nyāya-vārtika-tātparyā-pariśuddhi* (commentary on Vācaspati's *Tātparyasūtra*), *Kiraṇāvalī* (commentary on the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*), and *Lakṣaṇāvalī* (984 A. D.), a manual of Vaiśeṣika definitions.<sup>3</sup> Śrīdhara wrote *Nyāyakandali* (991 A. D.), a commentary on the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*. It should also be noted that the expansion of Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika studies not only led to an intensive study of these systems but to the interpretation, criticism and refutation of the doctrines of the other schools, especially those of the Mīmāṃsā, Buddhist and Sāṃkhya systems. It is not rare to find in the writings of the period diverse doctrines of other schools fully and clearly stated before they are subjected to criticism or any attempt is made to refute them. This is particularly true of Jayanta's *Nyāyamañjarī*, and we have already referred in this connection to Udayana's *Nyāyakusumāñjali*. For other examples we need refer only to the accounts of the Buddhist theory of Ideas (with illustrative quotations), the Mīmāṃsā theory of the self-validity of cognitions (with citations from Kumārila), and the Sāṃkhya theory of cognition in *Vyomavallī* (pp. 524 ff., 579 ff., 521 ff.); the summary of Sāṃkhya doctrines in *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (chap. 1); and the discussion of the Prābhākara theory of error, and the clear presentation of Sphoṭavāda and other tenets in Śrīdhara's *Nyāyakandali* (Pp. 180 ff., 268 ff.). The latter work quotes, besides, various authors and works, e. g. *Tantravārtika* and *S'lokavārtika* (P. 257),<sup>4</sup> Maṇḍana's *Sphoṭasiddhi* (P. 270) and *Vidhiviveka* (P. 274), the Buddhist logician Dharmottara (P. 76) etc. The interrelation of the various schools is outside the scope of our discussion; but it is evident that there was considerable activity in the sphere of speculative thought, and the doctrines put forward by the different systems formed the basis of the intellectual movement of the century. It is perhaps the mutual conflict of so many schools of thought that led certain thinkers of the age to suggest the way to a synthesis, or proclaim the common ultimate goal of all systems and schools. In a remarkable passage of *Ātmatattva-viveka*, Udayana "attempts to show that in its gradual ascent

1 See G. N. Kaviraja in *Sarasvatī Bhavana Studies*, Vol. III, p. 104.

2 Ibid. p. 110.

3 Udayana wrote also a commentary on Gotama's Sūtras (न्यायपरिशिष्ट) and प्रवचनसिद्धि, an original treatise on Nyāya. See G. N. Kaviraja in *Sarasvatī Bhavana Studies*, Vol. III, p. 112 ff.

4 Cf. Jha's Translation, p. 549.

along the path of Mokṣa the soul is confronted with views which broaden out more and more. The different schools of philosophy representing the varied views thus obtained in passing are conceived to form a graduated series, arranged according to an ascending scale of spiritual realisation, and in such a scheme the lower is always supposed to be a stepping stone to the higher and is to be superseded by it.<sup>1</sup> Even more explicitly and with greater catholicity does the Jaina writer Siddharṣi declare the essential unity underlying all faiths and systems of philosophy in his *Upamiti-bhava-prapañcā kathā* Book VIII (Pp. 1220-1227). The sum and substance of what he says is that the Supreme Soul is one. He is endowed with pure intelligence, and delivers the world with His infinite power. The true religion (Dharma) is also one and consists of such qualities as forbearance, kindness, purity, self-control, truth, chastity, honesty, sacrifice etc. Further, the Ultimate Truth, which is the way to final deliverance, is in reality one, although it may be expressed in different ways; and it is for the realisation of this Truth concerning the Supreme Lord that people undertake austerities, meditation and vows. Mokṣa is the subsistence of the soul in its pristine condition characterized by infinite intelligence, conation, joy and power, and known by such names as Supreme Attainment, Bliss, Peace, the endless Good, the Deathless State, Brahma, Nirvāṇa etc. The Doctrine that reveals the One God, the One Dharma and the One Truth, and propounds such a state of final deliverance is alone authoritative and commands universal jurisdiction. It is the purport of this Doctrine that men learn with special care and enunciate in varieties of expression. Call it Vaiṣṇava, Brāhmanical, Śaiva, Buddhist or Jaina, it is all the same: the difference in name does not count so long as the meaning remains the same. Such assertions as 'I am right and you are wrong', 'my system is right and yours is wrong' are only a manifestation of jealousy and nothing more. Siddharṣi's sublime conception of the spiritual unity of man is no doubt much in advance of his age.

Somadeva's review of the tenets of the different schools of thought is important as illustrating the Jaina standpoint, and much of what he says is no doubt cogent and valuable even as an independent effort in philosophical criticism. As a matter of fact, he belongs in this respect to a line of Jaina scholars who have discussed, criticised and attempted to refute the doctrines of other schools of thought both before and after the tenth century; for example, Haribhadra, Akalaṅka, Vidyānanda, Anantavīrya, Prabhācandra, Hemacandra, Vālideva, Malliṣeṇa and others. It should, however, be pointed out that, so far as the Brahmanical schools are concerned, the reaction to the impact of

1 G. N. Kaviraja in *Sarasvatī Bhavana Studies*, Vol. III, p. 112.



Jaina thought and criticism is surprisingly small; and except for isolated comments and criticism, the vast literature of the Brahmanical systems hardly takes any adequate notice of Jaina tenets and objections. Among noteworthy criticisms of Jaina doctrines may be mentioned those of Śaṅkara in his *Bhāṣya* on *Vedānta Sūtras* 2, 2, 33-36 and of Kumārila in *S'lokaṣṭṭika* (*Codāṇḍasūtra*, v. 141 ff; *S'abdanityatādhikaraṇa*, v. 106 ff. etc.); but, generally speaking, it may be said that Brahmanical writers from Śaṅkara to Udayana have directed their polemical energies against Buddhist rather than Jaina doctrines. To confine ourselves to the Jaina conception of Mokṣa, which it is the intention of Somadeva to contrast with the non-Jaina theories on the subject, it is recorded and criticized as follows by Vyomaśiva in the introductory portion of his commentary on the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*:

अन्ये स्वनेकान्तभावनातो विविधप्रदेशोऽक्षयशरीरादिकामो निःश्रेयसमिति मन्यन्ते । ..... तथा षटादिः सृष्टादिरूपतया नित्यः सर्वावस्थासूपलम्भात् । षटादिरूपतया चानित्यस्तद्व्याप्तात् । एवमात्माप्यात्मरूपतया नित्यः सर्वा सङ्गात्वात् । सुखदुःखादिपर्यायरूपतया चानित्यः तद्विनाशात् । ..... तदेतदसांप्रतम्, सिध्याज्ञानस्य निःश्रेयसकारणत्वेन प्रतिषेधात् । अनेकान्तज्ञानं च सिध्यैव बाधकोपपत्तेः । तथाहि नित्यानित्ययोः विधिप्रतिषेधरूपत्वात् अभिज्ञे धर्मिण्यभावः, एवं सदसत्त्वादेरपीति । यथेदं षटादिर्यदादिरूपतया नित्य इति, असदेतत् सृष्टरूपतायास्ततोऽर्थान्तरत्वात् । तथाहि षटादर्थान्तरं सृष्टरूपता सृष्टत्वं सामान्यम् । तस्य तु नित्यत्वेन षटस्य तथाभावः ततोऽन्यत्वात् । षटस्य तु कारणाद्विकक्षणतयोपलब्धेः अनित्यत्वमेव । ..... न चानेकान्तभावनातो विविधशरीरादिकामेऽस्ति प्रतिबन्धः । न चोत्पत्तिधर्माणां शरीरादीनामक्षयत्वं न्याय्यम् । तथा मुक्तावप्यनेकान्तो न व्यावर्तते इति मुक्तो न मुक्तश्चेति स्यात् । एवं च सति स एव मुक्तः संसारी चेति प्रसक्तेः ॥ एवमनेकान्तोऽप्यनेकान्ताभ्युपगमे दूषणम् ।

Jayanta who devotes so much space to the doctrines of other systems, makes only a passing reference to the Jaina conception of the Self, and summarily rejects certain Jaina tenets as absurd in his *Nyāyamajjari* (Chap. 9);<sup>1</sup> and it is noteworthy that although he discusses in that chapter the theories of salvation of diverse schools of thought, he has only a fling at certain practices of the Digambara Jaina monks and the absurdity of the notion that such practices lead to salvation. He declares that these monks expect to attain final release by plucking out their hair and going about naked: if they were right, bald persons would attain *mokṣa* straightway, and so would the animals, because they, too, are unclad! Such criticism, of course, does not rise above the level of comic satire of the type found in plays like *Mattavilāsaprahasana* and *Prabodhacandrodaya*.

1 कचनिसुखमदिवपटवारणक्षितिपराक्रमणकमपूर्वकम् । क्षपणकास्तपवर्गमुशन्त्यमी अतितरां परमाधेविदस्तु वे ॥ लोकां नित्यमसंभवाद् कलतवो मोक्षं क्षणात् प्राप्नुयुस्संसारोपरमो दिगम्बरतया सचक्षिरमां भवेत् । मुक्तः स्युर्गिरिच्छयाभिर्न इव शशसद्वारोदणालान्मूलमपवर्गवर्गलं निकटं केनेदृशं दाशितम् ॥

## CHAPTER X

### JAINA DOGMATICS AND MORAL AND SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINE

Apart from the fact that one of the aims of *Yasastilaka* is to illustrate the doctrine of *ahimsā*, the work is designed to be a comprehensive manual of Jaina doctrines, and the object of Somadeva is to provide entertainment as well as religious instruction, and help forward the propagation of the Jaina faith. Books VI, VII and VIII of *Yasastilaka*, divided into fortysix *kalpas* or sections, are styled *Upāsakādhyayana* or Readings for laymen, and deal elaborately with *samyaktva* or right faith and its various aspects as well as the different vows, which are viewed as the mainstay (*upabṛmhaka*) of right faith. Somadeva's treatment of these topics is wider than that of many professed manuals on the subject, and what is more remarkable, illustrated in some cases by elaborate stories, which, although not original, are narrated in a manner peculiarly his own. In addition to the contents of Books VI-VIII, there are brief expositions of Jaina doctrines in Books IV and V, while the *Anuprekṣās* are treated in an elaborate body of verse in Book II. It is true that the Jaina canon and its doctrines had been fixed long before the tenth century, but the age of Somadeva was an era of systematization and interpretation; and judged from this standpoint, his comprehensive review of the salient topics of Jaina dogmatics has a definite place in the literature of Jainism in Sanskrit.

I) Only a brief outline of Somadeva's exposition of Jaina dogma can be attempted in this chapter, and we may start with an interesting summary of the teachings of Jainism contained in a group of verses occurring in the dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother in Book IV. The summary is in the form of question and answer, and purports to report a conversation between Yaśodhara and a Digambara saint on the tenets of the Jaina religion. It is somewhat as follows: "What is Dharma? That which inculcates kindness to all creatures. Who is Āpta? He who is free from worldly blemishes. What is the means to know him? A *sāstra* free from contradictory statements. What constitutes religious austerities? Extermination of all desire for worldly objects. What is *jīva*? That which possesses self-experienced attributes such as the intellectual faculty. How does the incorporeal *jīva* come into contact with the body? It is bound to the body by its own actions, just as the sky comes into contact with the dust raised by wind; and by its own actions it is subjected to birth in order that it may suffer their consequences, just as a learned Brahmin is made to tumble over an unclean substance by intoxicating drugs. How can Dharma be acquired? By observing the vows to the best of one's

ability. What is a vow? The extermination of desire preceded by the acquisition of faith. What is faith? Reasoned belief in the categories (recognised by Jainism). What are the categories? They are the agencies which uphold the universe".<sup>1</sup>

The great discourse on Samyaktva or Right faith in Book VI opens with a further definition of Dharma, which is described as the factor causing human advancement resulting in supreme beatitude. It consists of *pravṛtti* and *nivṛtti*, and applies to householders as well as monks. *Pravṛtti* is endeavour to attain salvation, while *Nivṛtti* is abstention from all that leads to worldly bondage.<sup>2</sup> Faith, knowledge and conduct are the causes of salvation; while worldly bondage is caused by false doctrine, non-abstention (from injury, theft etc.), passions (anger, pride, greed and deceit), and *yoga* or the activity of body, mind and speech. Samyaktva or faith is concentration on things that conform to reason; knowledge is that which is free from ignorance, doubt and error; and right conduct is complete cessation of all activity that leads to the acquisition of *Karma*.<sup>3</sup> We are also told at the end of Book VI that Samyaktva is faith in the fundamental principles; knowledge is determining the nature of the fundamental principles; and conduct is complete detachment, devoid of all action whatsoever.<sup>4</sup> Right faith, right knowledge and right conduct are the most important factors in the Jaina view of liberation. As Kundakunda says in *Samayasāra* (verse 162), Samyaktva is faith in the soul and the other categories; the comprehension of their nature is (right) knowledge; and the renunciation of desire, passions etc. is (right) conduct, the three constituting the path to salvation.<sup>5</sup> It may be noted that Somadeva does not discourse on knowledge and conduct, but expounds Samyaktva in detail.

1 को भगवज्जिह्व भर्मो वल दया रूप सर्वसत्त्वानाम् । को नामासो यत्र हि न सन्ति सांसारिका दोषाः ॥ तज्ज्ञाने क उपायः शास्त्रं यथैकवाक्यतायातम् । तद्धि तपः किं निषयव्यासंगविनिग्रहो यत्र ॥ जीवः को यत्रैते भवन्ति दुःखमादयः स्वसंवेधाः । तस्यामूर्तस्य सतः शरीरबन्धः कथं भवति ॥ स्वकृतैः कर्मभिरेव प्रयाति जीवः शरीरबन्धं वा । नातेरितैः परागैर्भवति यथा संगमो नभसः ॥ तैरेव गर्भवासे स नीयते निजफलोपभोगार्थम् । अशुचिनि मदनद्रव्यैर्निपात्यते श्रोत्रियो बद्ध ॥ अस्मादृशां स धर्मः कथं तु निजशक्तितो व्रतग्रहणात् । किं व्रतमिह बान्छया यो दर्शनपूर्वको निदमः ॥ किं दर्शनमिदमाहुयं यत्रा युक्तिः पदार्थेषु । के पुनरसौ पदार्था वैरेतद्वर्तते नगच्छकम् ॥ P. 103.

2 मत्मादभ्युदयः पुंसां निःश्रेयसफलाभयः । वदन्ति विदितान्नायास्तं धर्मं धर्मधरयः ॥ स ग्रहस्तिमित्यात्मा गृहस्थेतर-गोचरः । प्रवृत्तिमुक्तिहेतौ स्वाभिहितैर्भवकारणात् ॥ P. 268.

3 सम्यक्त्वज्ञानचरित्रार्थं मोक्षस्य कारणम् । संसारस्य च मीमांसां मिथ्यात्वादिवतुष्टयम् ॥ सम्यक्त्वं भावनामाहुयुक्तियुक्तेषु वस्तुषु । मोहसंदेहविभ्रान्तिवर्जितं ज्ञानमुच्यते ॥ कर्मादानमिमिच्छायाः क्रियायाः परमं शमम् । चारित्र्योचितचानुरागा-स्वाभिज्ञानचिरे ॥

4 इच्छितस्तेषु सम्यक्त्वं ज्ञानं तत्त्वविरूपणम् । औदासीन्यं परं प्रादुर्भूतं सर्वकियोजितम् ॥ P. 326.

5 औदासीन्यदर्शनं सम्यक्त्वं तैस्मिन्निगमो गात्रं । रागादीपरिहरणं करणं पतो दु मोक्षस्यदो ॥

II) The whole of Book VI, after a preliminary discourse on the doctrines of other schools of thought, is devoted to the interpretation of Samyaktva, 'the great tutelary deity of man' (*narāṇām mahatī puruṣa-devatā*). Samyaktva or Right Faith depends upon a certain attitude of mind produced by the realisation of the nature of the categories, just as gold is said to be produced by the mere contact of fire with specially treated mercury. It is not necessary to master the scriptures or subject the body to austerities or journey elsewhere or wait for the lapse of time for acquiring Samyaktva. It is the prime cause of salvation; just as the foundation is the mainstay of a palace, good luck that of beauty, life that of bodily enjoyment, royal power that of victory, culture that of nobility, and policy that of government.<sup>1</sup>

Samyaktva is primarily faith in Āpta, Āgama and the Padārthas or Categories. It may be produced in two ways, has eight components, and is characterised by *prasama* and other qualities, and free from erroneous beliefs (*mūḍhatva*). Before considering the various aspects of Samyaktva, Somadeva explains in detail the nature of Āpta, Āgama and the Padārthas (VI. 2, 3.).

III) The Āpta, as the Jaina Tirthankaras are generically called, is defined as omniscient and free from all blemishes; he is the lord of the universe and the benefactor of all creatures.<sup>2</sup> He extricates the world from the ocean of suffering by *teaching the fundamental truths*, and is therefore to be regarded as the lord of the universe, whom the three worlds obey.<sup>3</sup> He is pure and free from the eighteen defects common to all living creatures such as hunger, thirst, fear, passion, birth, old age, disease, death, anger, sorrow, sleep etc., and is endowed with infinite knowledge, and is the only source of words of wisdom.<sup>4</sup> Passion, hatred and ignorance are the cause of telling a lie, but as the Āpta is free from these, he has no occasion for uttering a falsehood.<sup>5</sup> He resembles in shape the heterogeneous creatures (i. e. men), is a mirror unto the universe, and the master of the worlds.<sup>6</sup>

1 'तस्मादधिष्ठानमिव प्रासादस्य, सौभाग्यमिव रूपसंपदः, प्राणितमिव भोगायतनोपचारस्य, मूलबलमिव विजयप्राप्तिः, विनीत-त्वमिवाभिजात्यस्य, नयानुष्ठानमिव राज्यस्थितेरखिलस्यापि परलोकोदाहरणस्य सम्यक्त्वमेव ननु प्रथमं कारणं गृणन्ति गरीयांसः।' P. 274.

2 सर्वज्ञं सर्वलोकेशं सर्वदोषविवर्जितम् । सर्वसत्त्वहितं प्रादुराप्तमाप्तमलोचिताः ॥

3 यस्तत्त्वदेशानाहुः स्वार्थैरुद्धरते जगत् । कथं न सर्वलोकेशः प्रदीभूतजगत्त्रयः ॥ P. 274.

4 क्षुपः पिपासा भयं द्वेषश्चिन्तनं मूढतागमः । रागो जरा रुवा मृत्युः क्रोधः खेदो मदो रतिः ॥ विषयो जमनं निद्रा मिषादोऽष्टादश ध्रुवाः । त्रिजगत्सर्वभूतानां दोषाः साधारणा इमे ॥ एभिर्दोषैर्विनिर्मुक्तः सोऽप्यमाप्तो निरजनः । स एव हेतुः स्वकीनां केवलज्ञानलोचनः ॥

5 रागाद्वा द्वेषाद्वा मोहाद्वा वाक्यमुच्यते जन्तुतम् । यस्य तु नैते दोषास्तस्मान्तकारणं नास्ति ॥ P. 274.

6 ज्ञानाद्यप्रसूतीनां सत्त्वानां सदृशाकृतिः । न आदर्श इवास्तीति स जगज्जगतां पतिः ॥

For various reasons such as subjection to passion, Brahmā, Viṣṇu, Śiva, the Sun-god, or the Buddha cannot claim to be the Āpta. Brahmā is attached to the nymph Tilottamā, and Viṣṇu devoted to Lakṣmī, while Śiva has Pārvatī forming half his body, and yet they are called Āptas! Vasudeva was the father of Kṛṣṇa, and Devakī was his mother, and he himself fulfilled the duties of a king; yet, strangely enough, he is called a god! Further, if the universe exists in his stomach, and he himself is omnipresent, how can he be subject to birth and death? As regards Śiva, being subject to worldly blemishes like passion in his corporeal form, he lacks the authority to propound a religious code; while, in his incorporeal form, Sadāśiva, he lacks the capacity to do so. Besides, with his five mouths, he teaches mutually contradictory doctrines, of which it would be impossible to ascertain the meaning. It is said that a portion of Sadāśiva becomes incarnate in Rudra in every age; but in that case there would be no difference between the two forms of the deity (the one incorporeal and the other endowed with physical form), just as there cannot be any difference between gold and a fragment of it. It is also strange that the deity should indulge in such freaks as begging, dancing, nudity, the destruction of the Three Cities, the killing of Brahmā and the carrying of a human skull in his hands.<sup>2</sup> The Śaiva system, its principles and the nature of its Omniscient deity constitute, therefore, a strange medley of contradictions in respect of the basic doctrine, methods of proof, poetical representation and actual practice.<sup>3</sup>

With regard to Sun-worship, it is strange that the sun alone should be worshipped and not the moon, although the latter also is a planet: the cult surely represents the thoughtless activity of people who have never examined the Truth.<sup>4</sup> As for the Buddhist, he favours indulgence and continence as well as unrestrained indulgence, and is addicted to wine and flesh: how can he be respected by the wise?<sup>5</sup> It seems to be the object of

1 इहियाधोक्तेजानशाम्यसुरपुरमराः । यदि रागावधिज्ञानं कथं तत्रासता भवेत् ॥ अजसिलोत्तमावित्तः श्रीरतः श्रीपतिः स्वतः । अर्धनारीश्वरः शम्भुस्तथाप्येषां किलासता ॥ वसुदेवः पिता यस्य सवित्री देवकी हरेः । स्वयं च राजर्षयस्त्रिभिर्देवस्यैवापि सः ॥ त्रैलोक्यं जठरे यस्य ब्रह्म सर्वत्र विद्यते । त्रिमुल्लसिपिपत्ती स्तां कवित्तस्येति चिन्त्यताम् ॥

2 कपर्दी दोषवायेव निःशरीरः सदाशिवः । अप्रामाण्यादशक्तेश्च कथं तत्रागमागमः ॥ परस्परविरुद्धार्थीश्वरः वज्रभिर्मुलैः । शास्त्रं शास्ति भवेत्तत्र कतमार्थविलिख्यः ॥ सदाशिवकला रुद्रे यथावाति युगे युगे । कथं स्वरूपभेदः स्यात् कान्धनस्य कलास्त्रिभु ॥ भैक्षनर्तननम्रत्वं पुरश्चयविलोपनम् । ब्रह्महत्याकपालित्वभेदाः क्रीडाः मिलेश्वरे ॥ P. 275.

3 सिद्धान्तोऽन्यत् प्रमाणेऽन्यदन्वत् काव्येऽन्यदीदृशे । तत्त्वमात्रस्वरूपं च विविचित्रं केवदर्शनम् ॥ P. 276.

4 ग्रहगोत्रगतोऽप्येव ब्रूया पूज्यो न चन्द्रमाः । अविचारिततत्त्वस्य जन्तोर्दृष्टिनिर्मुक्ता ॥

5 हेताहेताभयः शाक्यः शंकरानुक्रान्तागमः । कथं मनोभिर्जिगम्यस्तरसासवशकपीः ॥ P. 276. Ms. A says गम्यागम्ययोः प्रवृत्तिपरिहारशुक्तिः हेतुः । सर्वत्र प्रवृत्तिनिर्मुक्तत्वमहेतुः । Cf. *Nyāyakusumāñjali*, chap. II: नापि भक्ष्यपेयावहेतरागः । Varadarāja says in his commentary—अथवा देवस्य वा भक्ष्येन वेगेन च सह हेतुं नास्ति किमु सर्वं भक्ष्यं च पेयं वैकल्पयेवेति कामधमाज्ञा इति.

Somadeva to show that lack of passion or renunciation is an essential condition of Āpta-hood, and no faith which does not inculcate absolute renunciation can be said to have an Āpta or trustworthy spiritual overlord. It may also be noted that the question of Āpta was an important controversial issue between the Śaivas and the Jainas, and their respective arguments, which Somadeva here analyses, have been summarized in Chap. VIII.

IV) Āgama or a religious code can be pure only if the Āpta is pure, just as children are pure when their parents are of pure descent.<sup>1</sup> An Āgama, which does not conform to reason owing to contradictory statements, is like the raving of a mad man, and can have no authority.<sup>2</sup> The true Āgama is so called because it makes us comprehend (*gamayan*) things relating to the present, past and future by occupying itself with the problems of religious virtue, material prosperity, desires and liberation, and pointing out what is to be shunned and what accepted.<sup>3</sup>

The Jaina Āgama deals with five categories: the self, the non-self, the constitution of the universe, and bondage and liberation with their causes.<sup>4</sup> The Self is the knower and the seer, great and subtle, and acts and suffers. It is coextensive with the body, and ascendant by nature.<sup>5</sup> It is endowed with knowledge and discernment, without which it would be in no way different from a lifeless object. On the other hand, if it be regarded as pure knowledge, it would not have any definite idea, like the painted figure of a man that is neither friend nor foe.<sup>6</sup> Karma is directed by the Self and the Self is directed by Karma; they are like the boat and the boatman and have no one else<sup>7</sup> to direct them.<sup>8</sup> The Self is, by nature, endowed with unlimited power, although it is confined within the body, like a mystic formula circumscribed by the letters of which it is composed.<sup>9</sup>

Ajīva or the non-self comprises Dharma, Adharma, Space, Time and Pudgala or Matter. Dharma is the underlying principle of motion, Adharma that of rest, Space that of non-resistance, and Time that of

- 1 पित्रोः शुद्धी यथापत्ये विशुद्धिरिह दृश्यते । तथासत्य विशुद्धत्वे भवेदागमशुद्धता ॥ P. 278.
- 2 पूर्वापरविरोधेन यस्तु युक्त्या च बाध्यते । मत्तोन्मत्तवचःप्रत्ययः स प्रमाणं किमागमः ॥ P. 279.
- 3 हेयोपादेयरूपेण चतुर्वर्गसमाश्रयात् । कालत्रयगतानर्थान् समयन्नागमः स्मृतः ॥
- 4 आत्मानात्मस्थितिलोको बन्धमोक्षौ सहेतुकौ । आगमस्य निगद्यन्ते पदार्थास्तत्त्ववेदिभिः ॥
- 5 ज्ञाना दृष्टा महान् यक्ष्मः कृत्स्नमुक्तयोः स्वयं प्रभुः । भोगायतनमात्रोऽयं स्वभावाद्दुर्ध्वजः पुमान् ॥
- 6 ज्ञानदर्शनशून्यस्य न भेदः स्वादत्तेतनात् । ज्ञानमात्रस्य जीवस्य नैकधीश्वित्रमिव च ॥
- 7 प्रेर्यते कर्मा जीवेन जीवः प्रेर्यत कर्मणा । एतयोः प्रेरको नान्यो नौनायिकसमानयोः ॥
- 8 See also Chapter VIII.
- 9 मन्त्रवशियतोऽन्येषोऽचिन्त्यशक्तिः स्वभावात् ।

change; while Pudgala or Matter is endowed with form, touch, taste, smell and colour.<sup>1</sup>

Bandha or bondage is due to the mutual infiltration of Karma and the Self, and their relation is like that of gold and rust. Bondage has no beginning, but has an end.<sup>2</sup> There are four different aspects of bondage according to *prakṛti* or the nature of *karma*, of which there are eight varieties,<sup>3</sup> *sthiti* or the duration of each kind of *karma* in contact with the soul; *anubhāga* or the consequences of *karma*; and *pradeśa* or the number of karmic molecules that enter the soul.<sup>4</sup> It may be noted that Somadeva merely enumerates the different aspects of Bandha which is treated in detail in the *Tattvārthādhigamasūtra*, chap. VIII.

Mokṣa or liberation is the coming of the Self into its own after shedding all inner impurities. Liberation is not non-existence nor lack of consciousness.<sup>5</sup> Somadeva gives two other definitions of the Jaina view of liberation. In VI. 1 he defines *mokṣa* as a state characterised by supreme joy, knowledge, power, potency and subtleness in the highest degree.<sup>6</sup> In VIII. 39 *mokṣa* is defined as the state in which the Self acquires its own characteristics.<sup>7</sup>

The Three jewels (Right faith, Right knowledge and Right conduct) are the causes of salvation, while bondage is caused by false views, lack of self-restraint and other factors such as passions and *yoga* or the vibrations produced in the soul by the activities of mind, body and speech.<sup>8</sup> Lack of faith in Āpta, Āgama and the Padārthas, error and doubt constitute Mithyātva or false views.<sup>9</sup> Taking only one aspect of a matter into consideration, doubt, lack of discrimination, erroneous notions, equal respect for all deities and faiths: these five also constitute Mithyātva, as they contribute towards worldly bondage.<sup>10</sup> It may be noted that Somadeva seems here to

1 धर्माधर्मौ जगः काळः पुद्गलश्चेति पञ्चमः । अजीवशास्त्रवाच्याः स्तुरेते विविधपर्ययाः ॥ गतिस्त्रिषमतीनात्परिणाम-  
निबन्धनम् । चत्वारः सर्ववस्तूनां रूपावात्मा च पुद्गलः ॥ P. 280.

2 जन्मोन्मानुप्रवेक्षेन बन्धः कर्मात्मनोर्मेतः । अनादिः सावसानश्च कालिकास्वर्णयोरेव ॥

3 ज्ञानावरणीय Knowledge-obscuring, दर्शनावरणीय Conation-obscuring, मोहनीय Deluding, अन्तराय Obstructive, नाम Body-forming, गोत्र Family-determining, वेदनीय Feeling, आयुः Age. See *Tattvārthādhigamasūtra*, chap. VIII.

4 प्रकृतिस्त्रिषुभागप्रदेशप्रविभागतः । चतुर्णां मिश्रणे बन्धः सर्वेवामेव देहिनाम् ॥

5 आत्मकानं विदुर्मोक्षं जीवन्मृतमैक्यमाप्नुयान् । नामासौ नाप्यचेतन्यं न चेतन्यमनर्थकम् ॥ P. 280.

6 आनन्दो ज्ञानमेव च वीर्यं परमसुखता । यतदात्मन्तिकं यत्र स मोक्षः परिकीर्तितः ॥ P. 273.

7 See Section XII (d).

8 बन्धस्य कारणं प्रोक्तं मिथ्यात्वासंयमादिकम् । रक्षयन्तं तु मोक्षस्य कारणं संयत्कीर्तितम् ॥

9 आसारागमपदार्थानामभयानं विपर्ययः । संशयश्च त्रिषां प्रोक्तं मिथ्यात्वं यद्विनात्मनाम् ॥

10 एकान्तसंशयाद्वानं व्यत्सासविनयानवयम् । अवयवाविषयत्वात्मिभ्यस्त्वं पञ्चधा स्मृतम् ॥



follow Pūjyapāda's commentary on *Tattvārthasūtra* VIII. 1. Absence of vows, carelessness, cruelty, lack of contentment, and subservience to the dictates of the senses are collectively called *Asamyama* or lack of self-restraint.<sup>1</sup> The four passions, anger, pride, deceit and greed, with their four varieties, plunge the creatures into the sea of transmigration; and activities connected with the mind, speech and the body, according as they are good and bad, are the factors which attach virtues and vices to the Self.<sup>2</sup>

The next *Padārtha* is the universe, which is, in the Jaina view, without foundation or support, uncreated and free from destruction: it is situated in the midst of space, and rests on air (that is, on the three atmospheres of dense liquid, gross air and thin air).<sup>3</sup> Somadeva records the criticism of this theory by other schools of thought. The Jainas, they say, do not regard the universe with the earth, mountains and oceans as being fixed anywhere nor do they believe that it is upheld by a fish or a tortoise or a serpent or a boar (as in Brahmanical mythology): so they fancy air as upholding the unsupported universe, an absolutely foolhardy proposition. How can air that cannot uphold even clods of earth, wood and similar substances uphold the universe? Somadeva tries to refute this objection by pointing out that the clouds which inundate the universe with rainwater are kept aloft in the sky solely by the force of air.<sup>4</sup>

V) Somadeva goes on to say that those who hold false opinions, not being able to find fault with the conception of *Āpta*, *Āgama* and the *Padārthas*, censure Jaina (Digambara) ascetics for abstaining from bath and ablutions and going about naked and eating their food standing.<sup>5</sup> He tries to defend each of these practices, and says with regard to bathing that it is useless for ascetics, who observe chastity, and are bent on a spiritual way of life. Besides, they do take a bath to avoid pollution caused by contact with *Kāpālikas*, women in their periods, *Cāṇḍālas* and *Śābaras*.<sup>6</sup> Similarly, wholesale ablutions are superfluous on the ground that it is necessary to wash only the limb which

1 अज्ञातिर्त्वं प्रमादित्वं निर्दयत्वमनुसृता । इन्द्रियेच्छानुवर्तित्वं सन्तः प्रादुरसंयमम् ॥

2 कथायाः कोषमानीषास्ते चत्वारश्चतुर्विधाः । संसारसिन्धुसंपातहेतवः प्राणिनां मताः ॥ मनोवाक्यकर्मणि शुभाशुभ-  
विभेदतः । भवन्ति पुण्यपापानां बन्धकारणमात्मनि ॥

3 निराधारो निराकम्बः पवमानसमाश्रयः । नभोमध्यस्थितो लोकः सृष्टिसंहारवर्जितः ॥

4 निराधारो निराकम्बः पवमानसमाश्रयः । नभोमध्यस्थितो लोकः सृष्टिसंहारवर्जितः ॥ अथ मतम्—नैव छर्षं जगत् कश्चि  
भूभृशमभ्योषिनिर्भरम् । धातारश्च न युज्यन्ते मत्स्यकुर्मक्षिपोयिणः ॥ पवमानोऽयं लोकश्च निराकम्बस्य धारणे । कल्प्यते  
पवनो जैनैरित्येतत् साहसं महत् ॥ यो हि वायुर्न शक्नोऽत्र लोटकाह्लादिधारणे । त्रैलोक्यस्य कर्म स स्वाकारणावसरक्षम् ॥  
तदसत् । नैव ग्रावयन्ति पानीयैर्विहृतं सचराचरम् । मेघास्ते वातसामर्थ्यात् किं न व्योम्नि समासते ॥ P. 281.

5 अमज्जनमनाधामो नम्रत्वं स्थितिभोजिता । मिथ्यादृशो बहन्त्येतन्मुनेर्दोषचतुष्टयम् ॥

6 ब्रह्मचर्योपपन्नानामप्यात्माचारचेतसाम् । कुनीनां कान्तमार्गं दोषे त्वत्त विधिर्नैतः ॥ संगे कापालिकात्रेयीवाण्डाल-  
शक्तराक्षिः । आधुस्य दण्डवत् सम्बन्धवैभक्त्युपोषितः ॥

gets actually soiled; no one, for instance, cuts off the nose when a finger is bitten by a serpent.<sup>1</sup>

As regards nakedness, it is urged that the wise hate what is artificial, but not the observance of what is natural. Nakedness is natural: where is the ground to hate it?<sup>2</sup> Further, it would be impossible for the ascetics to observe the vows of non-possession and non-injury if they desired to wear robes made of barks or deer-skins.<sup>3</sup> As for the custom of taking food standing, Somadeva says that its observance does not lead to heaven nor does the failure to observe it lead to hell. The custom merely marks a certain resolution of an ascetic: I will take food only so long as it comes to the hollow of my palm and I am able to take it standing; otherwise I will abstain from food altogether.<sup>4</sup>

VI) After dealing with the essential Jaina doctrines and the custom of the Digambara *munis*, Somadeva enumerates a large number of religious practices, repugnant to Jainism, and collectively called *Mūḍha* or Stupid customs and beliefs, from which *Samyaktva* or Right faith must be absolutely free. They are sun-worship; bath during eclipses; giving away money on *samkrānti* days; the morning and evening ablutions; fire-worship; the worship of edifices; ceremonial bathing in rivers and the ocean; adoration of trees, *stūpas*, and sacred offerings of boiled rice; religious suicide by falling from a precipice; bowing at the tail of a cow and taking cow's urine; and the worship of jewels, conveyances, weapons, the earth, *Yakṣas* and mountains.<sup>5</sup> Association with heretics of other faiths and the adherents of the *Vedas* also comes within the scope of *Mūḍha* of which there are many varieties.<sup>6</sup> To attribute divinity to what is not divine, to adopt as a vow what is not really a vow,

1 बदेवाङ्गमशुद्धं स्वादत्रिः शोध्यं तदेव हि । अङ्गुली सर्पदंष्ट्रायां न हि नासा निकृत्वते ॥

2 विकारे विदुषां देवो नाविकारानुवर्तते । तत्रास्ति नितर्गोत्ये को नाम द्वेषकल्पः ॥

3 नैकिकन्यमहिंसा च कुतः संयमिता भवेत् । ते संगाय यदीहन्ते बल्कलाजिनवाससाम् ॥

4 न स्वर्गाय स्थितेभ्यस्तिने ब्रह्मायास्तिने पुनः । किं तु संयमिकोऽस्मिन् सा प्रतिष्ठाभिमित्यते ॥ पाणिपात्रं मिलितकृत्तिकश्च स्थितिसौजे । नावसां बद्धं मुञ्चे रक्षाम्याहारमन्यया ॥ P. 282.

5 सूर्यायै ग्रहणकाले संक्रान्तीं द्रविणव्ययः । संध्यासेवासित्कारो गेहदेहार्चनो विधिः ॥ नवीनदत्तमुद्रेषु मज्जनं धर्मचैतसाम् । तदस्तूषाग्रमक्षानां वन्दनं शृगुसंश्रयः । गोपृष्ठान्तनमस्कारस्तन्मूत्रस्य निषेवणम् । रत्नवाहनभूयक्षराक्षदीक्षा-दिसेवणम् ॥ P. 282.

6 समयान्तरपाखण्डवेदकोक्तमाश्रयम् । यवमादि विगूढानां हेयं मूढमनेकषा ॥ *Mūḍha* or *Mūḍhatā* corresponds to what is called 'alien cultus' in Judaism, covering heathenism and all that it implies, the worship or acknowledgement of any deity except the true God, veneration of images, and all the customs associated with heathen religions. 'Alien cultus' or heathenism is one of the three deadly sins in Judaism, the others being unchastity in all its forms and homicide. Moore: *Judaism*, vol. I, p. 466; vol. II, p. 267. Jainism, on the other hand, appears to treat heathenism as an error of judgment, and keeps it distinct from the cardinal sins envisaged by the *Apurvas*.

and to accept as the truth what is not a truth at all constitute *Mithyātva* or falsehood, which has to be renounced.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva defines in this connection the attitude of Jainism towards novices. If a convert to Jainism cannot altogether renounce all his false beliefs, he ought to be given a mixed reception, but it is not advisable to discard him altogether.<sup>2</sup> On the other hand, persons who are wicked by nature should not be induced to accept the Jaina doctrine, but proper consideration should be shown to those who voluntarily adopt the faith<sup>3</sup> (VI. 4).

VII) Somadeva next deals with the *āṅgas* or auxiliaries of *Samyaktva*, but it will be convenient to summarize first the different aspects of the doctrine enumerated in the concluding section of Book VI.

First, *Samyaktva* or Right faith may be realised naturally i. e. by intuition with but little effort or acquired from external sources with great effort.<sup>4</sup> *Samyaktva* is said to be naturally produced<sup>5</sup> when faith in the fundamental principles of Jainism comes into being 'without the suffering attendant on mental wanderings in the wilderness of deliberation', as a result, for instance, of remembering previous births, or hearing religious discourses, or meditating on the image of a Jaina Tirthamkara, or witnessing great religious festivals, or any other similar cause. *Samyaktva* is said to be acquired<sup>6</sup> when faith in the *tattvas* comes into being after a long time, as a result of great efforts made in thoroughly investigating all the scriptural texts,<sup>7</sup> which can only be understood with the help of methodical instruction by a wise teacher.

Secondly, *Samyaktva* may be of two, three and ten kinds according to the standpoint from which it is viewed, but faith in the fundamental principles is the common feature of all its phases.<sup>8</sup>

ii) *Samyaktva* may be of two kinds, *sarāga* or accompanied by desire and *vitārāga* or free from desire. It is *sarāga* up to the eleventh *gunasthāna* or stage of spiritual development; it is *vitārāga* in the last three stages. *Sarāga Samyaktva* has certain fundamental characteristics such as *prasaṁga* etc., while *Vitārāga Samyaktva* is characterised by the absolute purity of the soul.<sup>9</sup>

1 अदेवे देवतादुद्धिमज्जे व्रतभावनाम् । अतस्त्वे तत्त्वविज्ञानमतो मिथ्यात्वमुत्सृजेत् ॥

2 तथापि यदि मूढत्वं न त्यजेत् कोऽपि सर्वथा । मिथ्यत्वेनानुमान्योऽसौ सर्वनाशो न कुन्दरः ॥

3 न स्वतो जन्तवः प्रेर्यो दुर्गताः स्युर्विनागमे । स्वत एव प्रवृत्तानां तथोग्यानुग्रहो मतः ॥

4 निसर्गोऽधिगमो वापि तदाप्नोति कारणद्वयम् । सम्यक्त्वमाक पुमान् यस्मादल्पानल्पप्रयासतः ॥ P. 322.

5 'निसर्गाद् संजातमित्युच्यते'.

6 'अधिगमादाविर्भूतमित्युच्यते'.

7 'यदा.....समस्तोऽप्येतिष्ठेत् परीक्षोपसोपादतिष्ठिष्य.....विरेण तत्त्वेषु रुचिः संजायते'.

8 द्विविधं त्रिविधं दशविधमाहुः सम्यक्त्वमात्महितमतयः । तत्त्वअख्यानविधिः सर्वत्र च तत्र समवृत्तिः ॥ P. 322.

9 सरागवीतरागात्मविषयत्वाद् द्विधा स्मृतम् । प्रज्ञासाधिशुणं पूर्वं परं चात्मनिष्ठदिमाक् ॥ Ms. A remarks. पक्षाददा-  
गुणस्वानवर्षन्तं सरागं द्वादशादि वीतरागम्.

Somadēva observes that just as the virility of a man, which cannot be perceived with the senses, can be ascertained from his relations with women, or the generation of children, or his fortitude in danger, or the execution of his designs; similarly, the existence of the Jewel of Right Faith, although extremely subtle owing to its being a condition of the soul, may be inferred from the qualities of *Prasāma*, *Samvega*, *Anukampā* and *Āstikya*.<sup>1</sup>

*Prasāma* is restraining the mind from passions and other evil tendencies.<sup>2</sup> *Samvega* is fear caused by worldly existence, the source of all kinds of sufferings, and fleeting like a dream or a magic show.<sup>3</sup> As Hemacandra observes in his *Yogasāstra* 2. 15, *Samvega* is man's longing for liberation. *Anukampā* is kindness to all creatures; it is the fundamental basis of *dharma*.<sup>4</sup> *Āstikya* is a believing attitude of the mind towards the *Āpta*, the scriptures, the vows and the fundamental principles.<sup>5</sup> Somadēva concludes by saying that long is the worldly bondage of the man who is subject to the fury of the passions, devoid of vows, cruel and unbelieving.<sup>6</sup> It may be added that some writers mention another characteristic of *Samyaktva*, *nirveda* or indifference to the world.<sup>7</sup>

b) *Samyaktva* may be of three kinds according as it is accompanied by the destruction of the *karmas* or their abatement or the process of partial abatement and destruction.<sup>8</sup> Somadēva does not treat the topic in detail, but it may be noted that *Samyaktva*, viewed from this standpoint, is classified into *kṣāyika*, *aupaśamika* and *kṣayopasamika*, the characteristics of which are explained in detail in Pūjyapāda's commentary on *Tattvārthasūtra* II. 3-5. Briefly speaking, *Kṣāyika Samyaktva* is caused by the destruction of seven particular kinds of *karma*; *Aupaśamika Samyaktva* is caused by the mitigation of the four passions and the three kinds of *darśanamoha*; and *Kṣayopasamika Samyaktva* is caused by the mitigation of the existing four passions and *mithyātva* and *samyaktvamithyātva* and the destruction of their germs.

c) *Samyaktva* may also be of ten kinds according to the sources from which it is derived. These sources are *ājñā*, the command of the scriptures

1 'अथा हि पुरुषस्य पुरुषशक्तिरिवमतीन्द्रियाप्यङ्गनानाङ्गसंभोगेनापत्योत्पादनेन न विपदि धैर्यावलम्बनेन वा प्रारब्ध-  
वस्तुनिर्वहणेन वा निश्चेतुं शक्यते, तथात्मस्वभावतयातिप्रसङ्गमत्यल्पसम्यक्स्वरत्नं प्रशम्यसंवेगानुक्कम्पास्तिक्यैरेकवाक्यैरा-  
कल्पितुं शक्यम् ।'

2 यद्वागदितुं क्षोभेषु विचित्रासिनिर्बहणम् । तं प्राहुः प्रशमं प्राज्ञाः समस्तव्रतभूषणम् ॥

3 झारीमानसागन्धुवेदनाप्रमदाद् भवात् । सन्नेन्द्रबालसंकल्पाद् भीतिः संवेग उच्यते ॥ P. 323.

4 सर्वे सर्वेषु विसृज्य दयादत्तं दयालवः । परमं परमं भूतमनुकम्पां प्रचक्षते ॥

5 आसे भुते भते तत्त्वे विचमस्तिस्वसंस्तुतम् । आस्तिक्यमास्तिक्यैरुक्तं मुक्तिमुक्तिपरे नरे ॥

6 रागरोषधरे निर्ले निर्मले निर्दयात्मनि । संसारो दीर्घसारः स्वाप्नरे नास्तिक्यलीलिके ॥

7 Hemacandra (op. cit.) says: निर्वेदो यववैराग्यम्.

8 कर्मणा क्षयतः क्षान्तेः क्षयोपशमतस्तथा । अज्ञानं विविधं बोध्यं गतो सर्वेषु जन्तुषु ॥ P. 323.

composed by the exalted and omniscient Arhat or Tirthamkara; *mārga*, the investigation of the Three Jewels of Right Faith, Right knowledge and Right conduct; *upadeśa*, listening to the life-stories of the great men of old such as the Tirthamkaras, the Cakravartins etc.; *sūtra*, the code regulating the conduct and behaviour of the ascetics; *bija*, a clue to the understanding of all sections of the doctrine; *saṃkṣepa*, summary knowledge of the main topics of the system, *Āpta, sūtra* or the sacred canon, the vows and the categories; *vistara*, comprehensive knowledge of the vast canonical literature consisting of the twelve *Āṅgas*, the fourteen *Pūrvas* and the *Prakīrṇas*; *artha*, personal conviction in matters connected with the sacred lore; *avagādhā*, profound knowledge of some part of the threefold Canon; and *paramāvagādhā*, the conviction of a man possessing the three kinds of supernatural knowledge, viz., *avadhi*, *manahparyaya* and *kevala*.<sup>1</sup> *Samyaktva* is thus tenfold according to the source from which it is derived, and we have therefore ten types of *Samyaktva*: *mārgasamyaktva*, *sūtrasamyaktva*, *arthasamyaktva* and so on.

In early literature the above ten aspects of *Samyaktva* are dealt with in *Uttarādhyaṇasūtra* XXVIII. 16 ff., although some of the sources are differently given: 'Faith is produced by 1. *nisarga*, nature; 2. *upadeśa*, instruction; 3. *ājñā*, command; 4. *sūtra*, study of the *sūtras*; 5. *bija*, suggestion; 6. *abhiḡama*, comprehension of the meaning of the sacred lore; 7. *vistara*, complete course of study; 8. *kriyā*, religious exercise; 9. *saṃkṣepa*, brief exposition; 10. *dharma*, the Law'.<sup>2</sup> The *Sūtra* defines each of these factors in detail, and later writers explain them in their own way. The following verse, quoted by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* VI. 21, being enumeration of the ten kinds of *Samyaktva*, occurs in Guṇabhadra's *Ātmānuśāsana*.

आज्ञामार्गसमुद्भवमुपदेशासूत्रबीजसंक्षेपात् । विस्तारार्थभ्यां प्रवचनपरमावादिनाम् ॥

Guṇabhadra clearly explains the ten kinds of *Samyaktva* in the following verses (ibid. 12-14):

आज्ञासम्यक्त्वमुक्तं यदुत विरचितं वीतरागाज्ञयैव त्वत्तत्प्रत्यक्षं शिवमस्तपस्यं अहमन्मोहशान्तेः ।  
मार्गप्रदानमाहुः पुरुषवरपुराणोपदेशोपजाता वा संज्ञानागमान्विप्रसृतिभिरुपदेशादिरादेशि इति ॥  
आकर्ण्यचारसूत्रं मुनिचरणविधेः सूत्रं अह्वानः सूक्तसौ सूत्रदृष्टिदुरभिगमगतेरर्थसाधेय्य बीजैः ।  
कैश्चिज्जातोपलब्धेरसमज्ञमवकाशं बीजदृष्टिः पदार्थान् संक्षेपेणैव बुद्ध्वा रुचिसुपगतवान् साधु संक्षेपदृष्टिः ॥  
यः श्रुत्वा द्वादशाङ्गीं कृतकचिरं तं विद्धि विस्तारदृष्टिं संजातार्थात् कुतश्चित् प्रवचनवचनान्यन्तरेणार्थदृष्टिः ।  
इतिः साज्ञाज्ञाज्ञाप्रवचनमवगाहोरितया यावगाढा केवलयालोकितार्थे रुचिरिह परमावादिनादेति क्त्वा ॥

1 Somadeva says: भगवद्दर्शनसर्वप्रणीतागमानुशासंज्ञा आज्ञा, रत्नत्रयविचारसर्गो मार्गः, पुराणपुरुषचरितभवणा-  
मिनिवेश उपदेशः, यतिजनाचरणनिरूपणपात्रं सूत्रम्, सकलसमयदलसूत्रान्याजं बीजम्, आसक्तप्रवृत्तपदार्थसमा-  
साक्षात्क्षेपः संक्षेपः, द्वादशाङ्गचतुर्दशपूर्वप्रकीर्णविस्तीर्णधृताथेसमयेनप्रस्तारो विस्तारः, प्रवचनविषये स्तप्रत्ययसमर्थोऽर्थः,  
P. 323.

2 Jacobi: *Jaina Sūtras*, Part II, p. 154.

VIII) Somadeva enumerates twentyfive hindrances to Samyaktva, known as *drydoṣāḥ*: the three kinds of *mūḍha* or *mūḍhatā*, the eight *madas*, the six *anāyatana*s, and the eight defects, *saṃkā* etc.<sup>1</sup> He does not explain any of these except the group of eight defects. The three kinds of *mūḍha* are *lokamūḍha* consisting of stupid popular customs such as dips in sacred water; *devamūḍha* or the worship of false deities, ghosts, spirits and the like; and *samayamūḍha* or following the lead of those who profess false doctrines such as astrology, magic lore etc. The eight kinds of *mada* or pride are pride of birth, family, beauty, wealth, intellect, knowledge of the scripture, honour and power respectively, as explained in the Bhāṣya on Tattvārtha-sūtra IX. 6. What is not *āyatana* or abode (of right faith) is *anāyatana*. The six *anāyatana*s are a false deity subject to passion and hate; the followers of such a deity; false austerities; those who practise such austerities; false scriptures; and the followers of such scriptures.<sup>2</sup> The group of eight defects consists of *saṃkā*, *kāṃkṣā*, *vicikitsā*, *mūḍhadṛṣṭi*, lack of *upagūhana*, lack of *sthitikāra*, lack of *vātsalya* and lack of *prabhāvana*. These will be explained later.

After enumerating the twentyfive hindrances to Samyaktva, Somadeva points out that a man of right conduct, who possesses right faith, and is conversant with the fundamental truths, attains salvation, even though he is devoid of vows; while a man without faith can never attain salvation, even though he observes the vows.<sup>3</sup> External functions and external *karma* are mere agencies: when the three Jewels (Right Faith, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct) are mature, the soul becomes impregnated with them.<sup>4</sup> Right knowledge is not derived from the senses nor right faith from delusion nor right conduct from the body: when the soul attains the supreme bliss of liberation, it simply becomes one with those three.<sup>5</sup> It will be seen that right faith, right knowledge and right conduct are regarded as conditions of the soul, which is, in the ultimate resort, identified with them. Nemicandra puts the idea clearly in his *Dravyasaṃgraha* (verse 39) when he says that, from the ordinary point of view, right faith, knowledge and conduct are the causes of salvation, but in reality one's own soul is the cause of liberation, consisting as it does of those three.<sup>6</sup> Among early writers Kundakunda says in

1 मूढमयं मदाभादौ तथानावतनानि च । अष्टौ शङ्कादयश्चेति दृग्दोषाः पञ्चविंशतिः ॥ P. 324.

2 See Brahmadeva's commentary on *Dravyasaṃgraha*, verse 41.

3 निश्चयोचितचारित्र्यं सुवृष्टितत्त्वकोविदः । अत्रतत्त्वोऽपि मुक्तित्वो न अत्रत्वोऽप्यदर्शनः ॥ P. 324.

4 बहिष्किंवा बहिष्कर्म कारणं केवलं भवेत् । रत्नत्रयसमृद्धेः स्वादात्मा रत्नत्रयात्मकः ॥

5 अक्षावधानं बहिर्मुखोद्देशाद्भूतं च नास्ति यत् । आत्मव्यतिष्ठिषीभूते तत्त्वावात्म्ये तत् त्रयम् ॥

6 तत्त्वार्थज्ञानं मार्गं करणं मोक्षस्तत् कारणं भावे । यथाहारा निश्चयदो तत्तियमहो गिओ अप्प ॥

*Samayasāra* (verse 19) that a saint should always resort to (right) belief, knowledge and conduct; these three are in reality nothing but the soul itself.<sup>1</sup> The same author says in *Niyamasāra* (verse 96) that the soul is to be meditated upon as consisting of pure knowledge, pure faith, joy and pure consciousness.<sup>2</sup>

As has already been said, Somadeva deals only with *Samyaktva* or *Samyagdarśana*, Right faith, and regards it as the corner-stone of the entire system of Jaina religion and ethics. After dealing with the various aspects of *Samyaktva*, he sums them up in the following verse occurring in *Yasastilaka* VIII. 35.

सर्वेषु प्रणवः परोऽस्य मनसः अद्वायमुक्तं जिनैरेतद्विद्विदसममेदविषयं स्वकं चतुर्भिर्गुणैः ।

अद्याहं भुवनत्रयार्चितमिदं मूर्धैरपोरं त्रिभिर्मिते देव दद्यामि संस्तुतिलोछासावसानोत्सवम् ॥

The different kinds of *Samyaktva*, two, three and ten, as the case may be, and its four characteristics, referred to in the verse, have already been explained. *Samyaktva* should also be free from the three types of *mūḍha*, that is *lokamūḍha*, *devamūḍha*, and *samayamūḍha* (see above). Besides, it has eight *āṅgas* which are elaborately explained and illustrated by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* VI. 5-20.

IX) The eight *āṅgas* or auxiliaries of *Samyaktva* are freedom from *saṃkā*, freedom from *kāṃkṣā* or *ākāṃkṣā*, freedom from *vicikitsā* or *vinindā*, freedom from *anyaślāghā* or *mūḍhatā*, *upagūha*, *sthitikāra*, *prabhāvana* and *vātsalya*. Conversely, *saṃkā*, *kāṃkṣā*, *vicikitsā*, *mūḍhatā* and lack of *upagūha*, lack of *sthitikāra*, lack of *prabhāvana* and lack of *vātsalya* form a group of defects which hamper the growth of *Samyaktva*, and are included among the twentyfive *dṛgdoṣāḥ*. Somadeva's account of the *āṅgas* of *Samyaktva* are summarised below.

*Saṃkā*, *ākāṃkṣā*, *vinindā* and *anyaślāghā* are the four obstacles to the growth of *Samyaktva* or Right Faith. *Saṃkā* is fear or hesitation, which causes lack of resolution and the consequent inability to follow in a steadfast manner the chosen doctrine or vow. The story of the fickle sage Jamadagni is meant to illustrate this failing, while Jinadatta and Padmaratha represent the type of devotees who do not flinch from their vows even in the face of death.<sup>3</sup> Freedom from *saṃkā* enabled even a criminal like Lalita to attain success in the difficult mystic rites, which the pious Dharasena had commenced but failed to accomplish owing to his fear and indecision.

1 दसपणाननरितानि सेविद्व्यानि साङ्गुणा निर्वर्ण । तानि पुन जाण तिणिणदि अप्पणं चेव जिच्छयदो ॥

2 केवलपणसहायो केवलदसणसहायसुहमदो । केवलसत्तिसहानो सोहं इदि चित्तप पाणी ॥

3 See Chap. XVI for the stories.



*Saṃkā* is, properly speaking, the fear of a man that he is alone and has no protector in the three worlds; it is the fear born of the ills of world and death.<sup>1</sup> *Saṃkā* is also lack of decision, that is, inability to choose between one doctrine and another, one vow and another, and one divinity and another.<sup>2</sup>

*Ākāṃkṣā* is the desire for worldly happiness, which hampers constancy of faith and the practice of vows. To preserve the purity of one's faith one must renounce the desires and aspirations born of this and the other world, and those encouraged by other faiths based on erroneous doctrines.<sup>3</sup> One must not, for instance, aspire to become a god or a Yakṣa or a king as a result of one's devotion to Right Faith.<sup>4</sup> To exchange *Samyaktva* or Right Faith for the joys of the world is like exchanging a ruby for butter-milk, and nothing but self-deception.<sup>5</sup> Equanimity of mind (*anākulā cittaṃvṛttiḥ*) in matters of religion is the sure basis of all prosperity and bliss. To develop right faith one must, therefore, be free from attachment to the world; and the chaste maiden Anantamati is praised for rejecting her chance of worldly happiness for the sake of her vow.

*Vinindā* or *Vicikitsā* is doubt or hesitation in the exercise of piety as inculcated by one's faith. One must, for instance, have no hesitation in succouring the poor and the sick, however loathsome the object of one's pity may be, because one is required to do so by one's religion. King Auddāyana was praised by Indra, because he personally tended helpless, old and diseased ascetics without scruple or hesitation.<sup>6</sup> It is one's own fault if one is unable to follow the course of conduct prescribed by one's religion or grasp its meaning. It is the fault of the eye if the clear and luminous sky appears to be dark.<sup>7</sup> He who neglects the teachings of one's religion at the sight of physical defects is like a man who rejects gold at the sight of rust on iron.<sup>8</sup> The good who view the teachings of the scriptures and the nature of the body in their proper perspective feel no scruples of any kind in carrying out tenets of their faith.<sup>9</sup>

1 अहमेको न मे कश्चिदस्ति माता जगत्त्रये । इति व्याधिग्रजोत्क्रान्तिरीति शङ्कां प्रचक्षते ॥ P. 283.

2 पतञ्जलमिदं तत्त्वमेतद्गतमिदं ब्रतम् । एव देवश्च देवोऽयमिति शङ्कां विदुः पराम् ॥

3 तत् कुट्टवन्तरोद्भूताभिहासुत्र च संभवाम् । सम्यग्दर्शनशुद्ध्यर्थमाकाङ्क्षां त्रिविधां त्यजेत् ॥ P. 291.

4 स्त्र्यां देवः स्वामहं यक्षः स्त्र्यां वा वसुमतीपतिः । यदि सम्यक्त्वमाहात्म्यमस्तीदीच्छां परित्यजेत् ॥

5 जयतिरेव माणिक्यं सम्यक्त्वं भवजैः सुखैः । विक्रीणानः पुमान् स्वस्य वञ्चकः केवलं भवेत् ॥

6 बालवृद्धगदगकानाम् मुनीनीहायनः स्वयम् । मयन् निर्विचिकित्सात्मा स्तुतिं प्रापत् पुरंदरात् ॥ P. 296.

7 स्वस्यैव हि स दोषोऽयं यक्ष शङ्कः क्षतामयम् । शीलमाभयितुं जन्तुस्तदर्थं वा निरोधितुम् ॥ P. 294.

8 दर्शनादेहदोषस्य वस्तुत्वात् कुप्यस्यते । स कोहे कालिकालोकाभूतं मुह्यति काञ्चनम् ॥

9 तद्वैतिले च देहे च बाधात्म्यं परवर्त्ता सताम् । उद्देशाय कथं नाम चित्तवृत्तिः प्रवर्त्तताम् ॥

Anyasāghā or Mūdhata is attachment to the dogmas of other faiths, which a devout Jaina must avoid. The Vedic, Buddhist, and Śaiva scriptures are dismissed by the author as favouring the use of honey, meat and wine, as also the Vedic religion which prescribes sacrifices as a means to salvation. Such practices as purification with earth etc., ceremonial bathing, sprinkling of water, ablutions, and the worship of the Manes and the Fire; the use of deceitful speech, holy ashes, cowdung plasters and Kuśa seats; the wearing of matted hair, ceremonial cloth and girdle; the carrying of clubs and bamboo baskets, and mystic poses of the fingers: all these are described as the stock-in-trade of those who are ignorant of the inner truth.<sup>1</sup> The erroneous dogmas of other systems are attractive in outward appearance but dangerous in their inner significance; they are like the *kimpāka* fruit, and should never be relied upon.<sup>2</sup> A follower of the Jaina faith should neither praise nor become acquainted with such doctrines nor be misled by the knowledge and science of other schools of thought.<sup>3</sup> The devout lady Revatī is accordingly praised for the utter indifference to divinities not recognised by the Jaina scriptures.

Somadeva then describes the four attributes which contribute to the growth of Samyaktva. They are *upagūha*, *sṭhītikāra*, *prabhāvana* and *vātsalya*. *Upagūha* or Dharmopabramhana is guarding the reputation of one's religion by suppressing or concealing such faults of one's co-religionists as may lower it in the estimation of others. It is, of course, one's duty to enhance the prestige of one's faith by the cultivation of such virtues as forbearance, truthfulness, purity, mercy and honesty, and by the practice of austerities, self-control and charity.<sup>4</sup> At the same time, if any of one's co-religionists commits an offence by chance or error, 'one should conceal it with the wealth of one's own virtues' as does a mother that of her children.<sup>5</sup> This seems to mean that one should establish the innocence of the culprit, even if the attempt should entail personal loss or damage. When, for instance, the bogus Jaina ascetic was arrested by the police for stealing the merchant's Jewel, the latter, being a good Jaina, declared that he had himself given it to the thief, because the conviction of a Jaina ascetic for theft would have lowered the prestige of Jainism among the populace

1 अभिमसजटाबोटयोगपट्टकटासनम् । मेखलाप्रोक्षणं मुद्रा वृत्तीदृष्टः करण्डकः ॥ शौचं मज्जनमात्रासः पितृपूजानलार्चनम् । अन्तस्तत्त्वविहीनानां प्रक्रियेत्यं विराजते ॥ P. 296.

2 अन्तर्दुरन्तसंचारं बहिराकारसुन्दरम् । न शब्दध्यातु कुट्टीनां मतं किंपावसंनिभम् ॥

3 तत्संस्कारं प्रशंसा वा न कुर्वीत कुट्टिषु । ज्ञानविज्ञानयोस्तेषां विपक्षिणं च विजगमेत् ॥

4 क्षान्त्या सत्येन शौचेन मार्दवेनार्जवेन च । तपोभिः संवर्तैर्दानैः कुर्यात् समयबुद्धिगम् ॥ P. 303.

5 सवित्रीव तनूजानामपराधं सधर्मसु । दैवप्रभादसंपन्नं सिद्धैर्दुष्पदं ॥

who were not acquainted with the real facts.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva goes on to say that a religion cannot be sullied by the misdemeanour of a weakling among its adherents, just as the ocean does not become foul on account of a frog dying in its waters.<sup>2</sup> This is, of course, true of all religions, but the Jainas seem to be prepared, under certain circumstances, to ignore occasional infractions of the moral code if they can thereby save their religion from any possible opprobrium or disgrace.

Sthitikāra is the strengthening of the conviction of those among one's co-religionists who may be faltering in their loyalty to the faith, and show signs of breaking away from the fold. A person initiated into the Jaina religion may be wavering in his allegiance owing to the rigour of the vows and insufficient knowledge of the scriptures, and it is the duty of the faithful to hearten him and strengthen his loyalty to the faith.<sup>3</sup> A novice must not be discarded on account of a single lapse, and the aim of a good Jaina should be *ganamanudhāna*, 'the advancement of the community', to be accomplished by constant efforts to win back waverers and sceptics and restore their allegiance.<sup>4</sup> The ends of religion can be served only by the efforts of various types of men, and each one should be assigned the rôle for which he is fit.<sup>5</sup> Any negligence of this principle deprives men of access to the truth, prolongs the cycle of births, and contributes to the decay of the faith.<sup>6</sup> The story of Vāriṣeṇa illustrates this aspect of one's obligations to one's religion.

Prabhāvana is propagation of the faith by the installation of images and the establishment of temples and the institution of worship and festivals as well as by the diffusion of knowledge and the practice of manifold austerities.<sup>7</sup> We are also told that it is one's duty to enhance the prestige of the faith, without any motives of worldly gain, by means of charity and diverse forms of knowledge and science and the celebration of grand festivals and ceremonies.<sup>8</sup> The story of Vajrakumāra shows that a good Jaina must be prepared to defend his religion against the encroachments of rival sects.

Vātsalya is helping one's co-religionists in distress, as illustrated in the story of the sage Viṣṇu. Connected with *vātsalya* are certain kindred virtues

1 See Chap. XVI.

2 अशक्तस्यापराधेन किं धर्मो मलिनो भवेत् । न हि भेके मृते याति पयोधिः पूतिगन्धताम् ॥

3 परीषद्गतोद्दिग्धमजातागमसंगमम् । स्वापयेद् ब्रह्मदात्मानं समची समयस्थितम् ॥ P. 304.

4 नदैः संदिग्धनिर्वाहैर्विदध्याङ्गणवर्धनम् । एकदोषकृते लाज्यः प्राप्तस्त्वं कथं नरः ॥

5 यतः समयकार्यार्थी नानापञ्चजनाश्रयः । अतः संबोध्य यो यत्र योग्यतां तत्र योजयेत् ॥

6 उपेक्षायां तु जायेत तस्माद्दूतरो नरः । तत्तस्मात् यत्रो दीर्घः समबोद्धिः च हीयते ॥

7 तैत्थ्यैस्साधुवैर्ज्ञानैस्साधुनिर्विधिवात्मकैः । पूजामहात्म्यजायैश्च कुर्वान्मार्गप्रशसनम् ॥ P. 309.

8 तद्दानज्ञानविकानमहामहमहोत्सवैः । दर्शनबोधनं कुर्वद्देहिक्तापेक्षबोद्धितः ॥

which a Jaina layman ought to cultivate. They are *vinaya*, *vaiyāvṛtya*, and *bhakti*. Vinaya is respect for one's teacher, fellow-student, and the community, and for the study of the scriptures and ideal of self-control.<sup>1</sup> Vaiyāvṛtya is efficient service rendered to the miserable and the sick.<sup>2</sup> Bhakti is pure and sincere devotion to Jina, the Jaina scriptures, and Jaina religious teachers distinguished for their austerities and learning.<sup>3</sup>

X) Somadeva next deals with the salient features of Jaina religious and moral discipline in detail. In Book VII he defines Vrata as the mainstay of Samyaktva, and it is of two kinds according as it is based on the Mūlaguṇas and Uttaraguṇas. The Mūlaguṇas are eight, consisting as they do of abstention from wine, meat, honey and five kinds of fruits such as Udumbara, Aśvattha, Plakṣa and Nyagrodha, which are the breeding ground of various living organisms, visible and invisible.<sup>4</sup> A number of stories is told to illustrate some of the mūlaguṇas, and it is asserted that flesh-eaters have no kindness, drunkards never speak the truth, and people who take honey and the Udumbara fruit feel no pity.<sup>5</sup>

Drinking is condemned by saying that it is the root of all evils, since it completely deludes the mind, and is therefore the greatest of all sins. Owing to the loss of the power of discrimination men commit all kinds of sins, which lead to their wandering in the wilderness of worldly existence.<sup>6</sup> It is well-known that wine was the cause of the ruin of the Yādavas, just as gambling was the cause of that of the Pāṇḍavas'. Somadeva records also a curious belief that some persons, after a long succession of births and rebirths, are in the course of time transformed into wine to delude the minds of men. The number of sentient beings transformed into a single drop of wine is large enough to fill the universe!<sup>7</sup>

With regard to the prohibition of meat-eating, Somadeva wonders how people who seek their own welfare hope to increase their own flesh

1 स्वाध्याये संयमे संवे गुरौ समद्वन्द्वारिणि । यथौचित्यं कृतात्मानो विनयं प्रादुरादरम् ॥ P. 316.

2 आधिव्याधिनिरुद्धस्य निरवघेन कर्मणा । सौचित्यकरणं प्रोक्तं वैवाक्यं विमुक्तये ॥

3 जिने जिनागमे सखी तपःश्रुतपरायणे । सद्भावशुद्धिसंपन्नोऽनुरागो भक्तिरुच्यते ॥

4 मद्यमांसमधुल्यागाः सहोदुम्बरपञ्चकाः । अष्टावेते गृहस्थानामुक्ता मूलगुणाः श्रुते ॥ P. 327. x x x x x अन्वयो-  
दुम्बरपञ्चस्यप्रोधादिफलेष्वपि । प्रत्यक्षाः प्राणिनः स्थूलाः सूक्ष्माश्चागमगोचराः ॥ P. 330.

5 मांसादिषु दया नास्ति न सत्त्वं मद्यपाणिषु । आनृशंस्यं न मर्त्येषु मधुदुम्बरसेविषु ॥

6 सर्वदोषोदयो मयान्महामोहकृतेर्नैतेः । सर्वेषां पातकानां च पुरःसरतया स्थितम् ॥ हिताहितविमोहेन देहिनः किं न  
पातयन् । कुर्षुः संसारकान्तारपरिभ्रमणकारणम् ॥ P. 327.

7 भयेन यादवा नष्टा नष्टा यत्नेन पाण्डवाः । इति सर्वत्र लोकेऽस्मिन् सुप्रसिद्धं कथानकम् ॥

8 मधुपय विषयेह देहिनोऽनेकशः किल । मयीभवन्ति कालेन मनोमोहाय देहिनाम् ॥ मयैकविन्दुसंज्ञाः प्राणिनः प्रचरन्ति  
चेद् । पूरयेयुर्न संदेहं समस्तमपि बिष्टयम् ॥

with the flesh of others.<sup>1</sup> Just as one's own life is dear to one, similarly the life of another is dear to him; and one should therefore refrain from destroying animal life.<sup>2</sup> The objection to honey is based on the ground that it is pressed out of 'the young eggs in the womb of bees', and resembles the embryo in the first stage of its growth.<sup>3</sup> It is forbidden to eat or drink in the house of those who take wine, meat and honey, and even to use any utensils belonging to them.<sup>4</sup> Further, one who observes the *mūlaguṇas* should always avoid water brought in waterskins, oil kept in leather flasks, and women who are not in a fit state for vows.<sup>5</sup>

In connection with the taboo on meat, we are told that some object even to the eating of beans and pulses, as these, too, according to them, are flesh, being endowed with life like the bodies of camels, sheep and other animals. Somadeva, however, rejects this view, and cites a verse to the effect that flesh may constitute the body of an animate object, but the body of any animate object is not necessarily composed of flesh; just as the Neem is a tree, but any tree is not Neem.<sup>6</sup>

The Uttaraguṇas are twelve in number, and comprise the five *Āpuvratas*, the three *Guṇavratas* and the four *Śikṣāvratas*. The *Āpuvratas* are treated in detail and fully illustrated with elaborate stories in VII.26-32. They consist of limited vows to renounce severally injury, stealing, falsehood, lust and greed.<sup>7</sup>

1 तत् स्वस्य हितमिच्छन्तो मुञ्चन्तश्चाहितं मुहुः । अन्यमांसैः स्वमांसस्य कथं वृद्धिर्वाचिनः ॥

2 स्वकीयं जीवितं यद्वत् सर्वस्य प्राणिनः प्रियम् । तद्वदेतत्परस्यापि ततो हिंसां परित्यजेत् ॥ P. 330.

3 मक्षिकागर्भसंभूतवालाण्डमिनिपीडनाद् । जातं मधु कथं सन्तः सेवन्ते कललाकृति ॥

4 मषादिस्त्राहिरोद्देश्य पानमद्यं च नाचरेत् । तद्वमत्रादिसंपर्कं न कुर्वीत कदाचन ॥

5 वृत्तिप्रायेषु पानीयं कौहं च कुतपादिषु । व्रतस्यो वर्जयेन्नित्यं योषितश्चाव्रतोचिताः ॥

6 तदाह—मांसं जीवशरीरं भवेन्न वा मांसम् । यद्वन्निम्बो वृक्षो वृक्षस्तु भवेन्न वा निम्बः ॥ P. 331.

7 हिंसास्तेयानृत्यामक्षपरिग्रहविनिग्रहाः । एतानि देशतः पञ्चाणुव्रतानि प्रचक्षते ॥ P. 333. The *Āpuvratas* or lesser vows are intended for laymen and distinguished from the same vows in their more rigorous form, known as *Mahāvratas* or great vows, which are prescribed for monks and ascetics. The vices against which these vows are directed cover a wide field, being classified into different categories. Theft, for example, includes misappropriation of deposits, as shown by the story of Śrībhūti and Bhadrāmītra (see Chap. XVI). It is noteworthy that the early Christians, too, included this among the more serious violations of the moral law. Pliny who was sent as legate to Bithynia in 111 A. D. reports in his ninety-sixth letter to the Emperor Trajan that the Christians 'bound themselves with an oath, not for any crime but not to commit theft or robbery or adultery, not to break their word, and not to deny a deposit when demanded'. Kidd: *A History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 325; Bindley: *The Apology of Tertullian*, Appendix, p. 148 ff.

Dealing with the question of injury, Somadeva enunciates a positive view of *ahimsā* and defines *himsā* as destruction of living creatures through error of judgement, and *ahimsā* as the protection afforded to them.<sup>1</sup> It follows, therefore, that animals must not be killed for the purpose of worshipping the gods or the Manes, or entertaining one's guests, or in any mystic rites, or for medicinal purposes or out of fear: this constitutes the the vow of *ahimsā*.<sup>2</sup>

All liquids should be strained through a cloth before use to avoid any possible injury to living creatures, and one should for the same reason give up also eating at night.<sup>3</sup> Rice-gruel (or pickles), syrups, unhusked paddy, flowers, fruits, roots and leaves, being the breeding ground of living organisms, should not be acquired for use nor anything that is frequented by the latter.<sup>4</sup> Hollow stalks and reeds should be avoided as well as creepers and bulbs resorted to by diverse creatures.<sup>5</sup> Herbs or vegetables should be taken when no longer raw, after splitting them into two sections, and all kinds of pulses and beans which are cooked entire should also be avoided.<sup>6</sup>

Somadeva then enumerates certain qualities which should be cultivated to realise the ideal of *ahimsā*. They are *maitrī*, *pramoda*, *kāruṇya* and *mādhyaṣṭhya*. *Maitrī* is the disposition not to cause suffering to any one by any physical act or thoughts or words.<sup>7</sup> *Pramoda* is affection coupled with respect for men eminent for their virtues and religious austerities.<sup>8</sup> *Kāruṇya* is the will to help the poor, while *Mādhyaṣṭhya* is an equitable attitude, free from pleasure and displeasure, towards those who are devoid of any merit.<sup>9</sup> The supreme quality of kindness is emphasized by declaring that virtue is light and sin darkness, and sin cannot abide in a person crowned with the rays of kindness.<sup>10</sup> *Ahimsā* is thus a positive virtue, and resolves into *jīva-dayā* or compassion for living creatures, which by itself is as efficacious as all good words combined. The effect of the latter is like the result of agricultural labour, while that of the former is like the miraculous results produced by the Cintāmaṇi gem.<sup>11</sup>

1 यत् स्यात् प्रमादयोगेन प्राणिषु प्राणहापनम् । सा हिंसा रक्षणं तेषामहिंसा तु सता मता ॥ P. 33

2 देवतातिथिपित्रयं मन्त्रीपथमयाय वा । न हिंसात् प्राणिनां सर्वानहिंसा नाम तद्व्रतम् ॥

3 देवद्रव्याणि सर्वाणि पटपूतानि योजयेत् । × × × × × × × निशायां बर्जयेद्धक्तिमिहामुत्र च दुःखदाम् ॥

4 सधानं पानकं धान्यं पुष्पं मूलं फलं दलम् । जीवयोनि न संग्राह्यं यच्च जीवरूपद्रुतम् ॥

5 यदन्तःशुषिरप्रायं हेयं नालीनलादि तत् । अनन्तकायिकप्रायं बलीकन्दादिकं त्यजेत् ॥

6 दिदलं द्विदलं प्रायस्यं प्रायेणानवतां गतम् । सिद्धयः सकलास्त्वाभ्याः साधिताः सकलाश्च वाः ॥

7 कावेन मनसा वाचा परे सर्वत्र देहिनि । अदुःखजननी वृत्तिर्नैवी मैत्रीविदा मता ॥ P. 335.

8 तपोगुणाधिके पुंसि प्रमथाश्रयनिर्भरः । जायमानो मनोरागः प्रमोदो विदुषां मतः ॥

9 दीनान्मुहुरणे बुद्धिः कारुण्यं करुणात्मनाम् । हृषामर्षोच्छाता वृत्तिमोध्यस्थं निर्गुणात्मनि ॥

10 पुण्यं तेषामर्थं प्राहुः प्राहुः पापं तमोमयम् । तत् पापं पुंसि सिद्धिर्वादीपितिमालिनि ॥

11 एका जीवदयैकत्र परत्र सकलाः किदाः । परं फलं तु पूर्वं कृपेक्षिततामगेतिव ॥ P. 337.

Speaking of theft, Somadeva defines it as taking possession of another's property, not being given by the owner, with the exception of such things which may be used by all.<sup>1</sup> It is permissible to take possession of ungiven property only at the death of one's kinsmen; in case of the living, specific permission for the purpose is necessary.<sup>2</sup> Those who take the vow of non-stealing must not take anything that is the property of others 'whether in a house or in the street or on water or in the woods or on the hills'.<sup>3</sup> With regard to objects of unknown ownership, the king alone has the right to acquire them so that the produce of mines, large and small, belongs to none but the king.<sup>4</sup> Falsification of measures, abetment of theft, receiving of stolen property, and the accumulation of wealth in war time are obstacles to the vow of non-stealing.<sup>5</sup>

Somadeva mentions various degrees of truth and falsehood. Firstly, that which is to some extent true, though on the whole false, as when we say in common parlance, 'he cooks food or weaves cloths'.<sup>6</sup> Secondly, what is to some extent false, though on the whole true, as when a man, after promising to give something at the end of a fortnight, gives it after a month or a year. Thirdly, that which is in all respects true. Fourthly, that which is completely false, as when a man promises to give something which he does not possess.<sup>7</sup> The fourth item should always be avoided, but the transactions of everyday life are founded on the other three, and sometimes even a false statement ceases to be false if it pleases one's preceptor and others. Divulging<sup>8</sup> of secrets, slander, backbiting, forgery and perjury are obstacles to truth.<sup>9</sup> One should not also talk about the wives of others nor speak against the king nor indulge in anti-social talks: one should take care

1 अदत्तस्य परस्वस्य ग्रहणं स्तेयमुच्यते । सर्वमोग्यास्यदन्वन्त्र भावात्तोषवृत्तादितः ॥ P. 344.

2 श्रुतीनामन्त्रे विद्यमानेषु समस्तम् । जीवतां तु निदेषेन व्रतक्षतिरतोऽन्यथा ॥

3 मन्दिरे पविरे नीरे कान्तारे धरणीधरे । तन्नाम्यदीयमादेयं स्वापतेयं व्रताग्रवैः ॥

4 त्वत्वं निधिनिधामोत्वं न राज्ञोऽन्यस्य युज्यते । यत् स्वस्यास्वामिकस्येह दावादो मेदिनीपतिः ॥ Ms. A remarks यो व्ययीकृतः कृत्यं न याति स निधिः । यद् व्ययीकृतं सत् कृत्यं याति स तन्निधानमल्पमित्यर्थः ॥

5 शीतवष्णुनताधिक्ये स्तेनकर्म ततो ग्रहः । विग्रहे संग्रहोऽर्थास्वास्तेयस्यैते निवर्तकाः ॥ The last item appears as विश्वराज्यातिक्रम in *Tattvārthādhigamasūtra* VII, 27, which means 'Contraband trade with a hostile or prohibited country'. Siddhasena says in his commentary—अन्यतर-राज्यनिवासिन इतरस्य राज्यं प्रविशन्तीतरराज्यनिवासिनो वाऽन्यतरराज्यमभिगच्छन्तीति विश्वराज्यातिक्रमः—Pūjyapāda hints at profiteering from this source—विश्वराज्येऽतिक्रमः । तत्र हि अल्पमूल्यलब्धानि महाम्यानि द्रव्याणीति प्रयत्नः ।

6 Properly speaking, one cooks rice etc. and weaves yarn.

7 असत्यं सत्यं किंचिद् सत्यमसत्यम् । सत्यमसत्यं पुनः किंचिदसत्यासत्यमेव च ॥ अस्तेदमैदंपर्यमसत्यमपि किंचिद् सत्यमेव यथान्वाप्ति रन्वयति वयसि वासांतीति etc. P. 349.

8 दुरीयं वर्जयेन्नित्यं लोकवाक्ता वदे स्थिता । सा मिथ्यापि न गोमिथ्या वा गुर्वादिप्रसादिनी ॥

9 मन्त्रभेदः परीवादः वैयुज्यं कूटकेसनम् । सुभासाक्षिपदोक्तिश्च सत्यस्यैते विघातकाः ॥



not to make any unfounded statement.<sup>1</sup> Exaggeration, fault-finding and indecent speech must be avoided, and one should always speak words that are 'noble, beneficial and concise'.<sup>2</sup> One should not praise oneself nor calumniate others: one should not be jealous of the merits of others when they really exist and describe those of oneself which do not exist at all.<sup>3</sup>

Somadeva appears in certain circumstances to attach greater importance to self-preservation and philanthropic considerations than to speaking out the truth. He opines that the truth must not be spoken if it is likely to endanger others and bring inevitable ruin to oneself.<sup>4</sup> This can only mean that the truth need not always be revealed, if by so doing one can stave off one's own ruin and that of others. Somadeva, however, points out that the effective power of truthful speech is based on the inherent validity of truth itself, and what a truthful man says is on all occasions valid.<sup>5</sup>

It is evident that Somadeva lays as much emphasis on doing good to others as on speaking the truth, if not more. Doing good to others seems to him to be the most natural thing to do, and he fails to understand why people are bent on making others unhappy, since to make others happy is to make oneself happy.<sup>6</sup> To harbour evil thoughts against others is to injure oneself, and Somadeva expresses the idea by saying that 'even while the mind spreads darkness over others, it injects streams of darkness into its veins'.<sup>7</sup> One should accordingly be always merciful and always devoted to the good of others, be of pleasant nature and pleasant manners, do what is pleasant and speak what is pleasant.<sup>8</sup> It is also a sin to withhold spiritual knowledge from any one who asks for it.<sup>9</sup>

Somadeva then discusses the question of *brahman* or chastity, and defines it as regarding all women except one's wife or concubine as one's

- 1 परस्त्रीराजविद्विष्टलोकविद्विष्टसंश्रयाम् । अनायकसमाश्रयं न कथां कथयेदुप ॥
- 2 अस्तुक्तिमन्यदोपोक्तिमसम्योक्ति च वर्जयेत् । भाषेन वचनं नित्यमभिजातं हितं मितम् ॥
- 3 न स्तूयादात्मनात्मानं न परं परिवादयेत् । न सतोऽन्यगुणान् हिस्त्रात्रासतः स्वस्य वर्णयेत् ॥ P. 350.
- 4 तत् सत्यमपि नो वाच्यं यत् स्यात् परविपत्तये । जायन्ते येन वा स्वस्य व्यापदश्च दुरास्पदाः ॥ P. 349. cf. Hemacandra: न सत्यमपि भाषेत परपीडाकरं वचः । लोकेऽपि भूयते यस्मात् कौशिको नरकं गतः ॥ *Yogaśāstra* 2. 61. The sage Kausika was famous for speaking the truth, but went to hell because accurate information given by him led to the capture and killing of a band of robbers, who had concealed themselves in a wood close to his hermitage.
- 5 सत्यवाक् सत्यसामर्थ्याद्विचःसिद्धिं समश्नुते । वाणी वास्य भवेन्मान्या यत्र यत्रोपजायते ॥ P. 350.
- 6 यत् परस्य प्रियं कुर्वीदात्मनस्तत् प्रियं हि तत् । अतः किमिति लोकोऽयं पराप्रियपरायणः ॥
- 7 यथा यथा परेभ्येत्येतो वितनुते तमः । तथा तथात्मनापीषु तमोषारा निषिद्धति ॥
- 8 प्रियशीलः प्रियाचारः प्रियकारी प्रियवदः । स्वादानुशंसनीयैर्नित्यं परहिते रतः ॥ P. 349.
- 9 मोक्षमार्गं स्वयं जानन्नर्थिने नो न भावते । मयापह्नवमात्सर्यैः स स्वादावरणद्वयी ॥

mother, sister or daughter (according to their age).<sup>1</sup> It is also defined as something, the maintenance of which leads to the growth of qualities like *ahimsa* or non-injury.<sup>2</sup> In the Realm of Dharma<sup>3</sup> men are by nature temperate in their sexual desires, and one should therefore remain content with one's married wife, and leave alone the wives of others, female relations, and nuns.<sup>4</sup> Study, meditation and the practice of virtue are out of the question so long as the fire of sexual desire burns in the mind.<sup>5</sup> Worldly pleasures should be enjoyed in moderation, like food, to satisfy only physical needs so as to avoid excessive longing for them.<sup>6</sup> The vow of chastity is spoilt by illicit relation with women, unnatural methods of sexual enjoyment, arrangement of other people's marriages and preoccupation with the art of love.<sup>7</sup> Wine, meat, gambling, music with song and dance, personal decoration, intoxication, libertines and aimless wandering: these ten are concomitants of sexual passion.<sup>8</sup> One should be careful not to excite oneself by erotic acts, aphrodisiac potions and erotic literature.<sup>9</sup> It should be remembered that men are never satiated with worldly pleasures, just as fire is never satiated with sacrificial oblations or the ocean with the influx of waters.<sup>10</sup>

Parigraha, the subject of the fifth Anuvrata, is attachment to worldly objects, and it should always be curtailed. The attachment may be to both outer and inner objects, the former being ten and the latter fourteen. The outer objects are arable land, corn, money, habitation, clothing and the like, couch and seat, servants, cattle and household articles. The inner objects are false doctrines; the three kinds of inclinations (feminine inclinations, masculine inclinations and inclinations common to both the sexes): the six kinds of feelings, viz., the sense of the laughable, pleasure, displeasure, sorrow, fear and disgust; and the four passions: anger, pride,

1 बहुचित्तस्त्रियौ मुञ्चन्ता सर्वानन्यत्र तज्जने । माता स्वसा तनूजेति मतिर्मेव गृहामवे ॥ P. 359.

2 रक्षमाणे हि वृंशन्ति वत्राहिंसादयो गुणाः । उदाहरन्ति तद्गत्वा नक्षत्रविचारदाः ॥

3 Explained in Ms. A as ज्ञानसङ्घ.

4 धर्मभूमौ स्वभावेन मनुष्यो नियतस्मरः । यज्जात्यैव पराजातिर्बन्धुलिङ्गिण्यस्त्यजेत् ॥ Ms. A remarks स्वजात्या परिणीतया सह संयोगः कार्यः । परा चासौ जजातिः पराजातिः परकीयजातिः स्त्री ।

5 स्वाध्यायध्यानधर्माणाः क्रियास्तावन्नरे कुतः । इन्वे वित्तोन्धने यावदेव कामाशुशुक्षणिः ॥ P. 360.

6 वेदपर्यमसौ मुञ्चन्ता भोगानाहारवद्भजेत् । देहदाहोपशान्त्यर्थमभिध्यानविद्वानये ॥

7 परकीयसंगमालङ्घनीकान्धोपयमक्रियाः । तीव्रता रतिर्नेतव्ये हन्तुरेतानि तद्गतम् ॥

8 मधं चूतमुपद्रव्यं तीर्थप्रिकलंकक्रियाः । मदो निद्रा वृषाद्येति दशपातङ्गजो गणः ॥ Ms. A explains अलंकृतिः as यन्त्रलिङ्गलेपादिप्रयोगः.

9 भवनोदीपनैर्दुर्लभैर्दुर्लभैर्दुर्लभै रसैः । भवनोदीपनैः शास्त्रैर्मदमास्यनि नाचरेत् ॥

10 हन्यैरेव पुनःप्रीतिः पाथोभिरिव नीरविः । तोषयेति पुमानेव न ओनैर्मवसंजयैः ॥

deceit and greed.<sup>1</sup> The transient character of the body and the objects of the world, property, wife and children, ought to convince us of the vanity of our desires. Wretched and miserable is the man who uses his wealth for selfish enjoyment and not for the cultivation of virtue, and supremely wealthy are those who do not desire to acquire what they have not got nor rejoice when they have acquired it.<sup>2</sup> Nothing but sin results from the concentration of the mind on wealth, and acquisition through greed of more than one's legitimate share of wealth or property destroys the vow to renounce *parigraha*.<sup>3</sup> The man, who is free from desire for both the outer and inner objects of attachment, is fit to obtain the bliss of heaven and salvation.<sup>4</sup>

XI) The three Gunavratas are next described (VII. 33), but they are not illustrated with stories, like the five Anuvratas. The Gunavratas are Digvirati, Desavirati and Anarthadandavirati. The first two consist of vows to restrict one's movements to a fixed point in a particular direction or in a particular place, preparatory to restraining the mind from external objects by renouncing injury, greed, indulgence and similar propensities.<sup>5</sup> These vows constitute a scheme of preliminary self-restraint designed to secure moral purity and establish mental equilibrium with regard to the objects of the world.

The third Gunavrata is abstention from the Anarthadandas, which comprise all accessories of violence and all agencies and means of injury leading to slaughter, capture or confinement, and are so called because they contribute to the prevalence of strife and discord. The Anartha-dandas include birds and animals like cocks, hawks, peacocks, cats, vicious elephants and ichneumons, and such means of injury as poison, spears, arms, fire whips, nooses and tethers. The person who takes a vow to observe this particular Gunavrata should not therefore keep noxious animals nor use any implement designed to cause injury or loss of life. The Anarthadandas cover a wide field and include also sinful gossip, evil thoughts, sports involving loss of life, futile occupations, doing harm to others, jealousy, and all acts that

1 क्षेत्रं धान्यं धनं वास्तु कुप्यं क्षयनाशनम् । द्विपदाः पशवो माण्डं वासा दश परिग्रहाः ॥ समिप्यात्वास्तयो वेदा हास्यप्रभृतयोऽपि यद् । जत्वारश्च कषायाः स्युरन्तर्ग्रन्थाश्चतुर्दश ॥ P. 366.

2 स भीमानपि निःश्रीकः स नरश्च नराधमः । यो न धर्माय भोगाय विनयेत धनागमम् ॥ प्राप्तेऽर्थे ये न माचन्ति नामास्ते स्पृहयालवः । लोकद्वयभिरां श्रीणां त एव परमेस्वराः ॥ P. 367.

3 कृतप्रमाणाहोमेन धनादपिकसंग्रहः । पञ्चमाणुजतज्ज्यानि करोति गृहमेधिनाम् ॥

4 यस्य हृन्दद्वयेऽव्यसिन् निःस्पृहं देहिनो मनः । स्वर्गापवर्गालक्ष्मीणां क्षणात् पक्षे स दक्षते ॥

5 दिङ्म सवर्गस्वर्गमोर्ध्वदेशेषु निखिलेषु च । इतस्यां दिशि देशेऽसिन्नित्यत्वेन गतिर्नम ॥ दिग्देशनियमादेवं ततो यश्चेत् वस्तुषु । हिता भोसोपभोगादिनिवृत्तेष्वित्यन्त्रणा ॥ P. 370.

cause grief and mourning to one's fellow creatures.<sup>1</sup> It will be seen that the third Guṇavṛata is designed to supplement the great vow of Ahimsā, and Somadeva goes on to say that, by renouncing the Anarthadaṇḍas, the devotee earns the friendship of all creatures and becomes their lord.<sup>2</sup> Deception and violence practised at the instance of others, the overloading of beasts of burden, and causing excessive suffering to them amount to violation of this vow.<sup>3</sup>

XII) The four Śikṣāvratas are treated in detail in Book VIII, which practically brings to an end Somadeva's masterly discourse on the Jaina religion. They are *sāmāyika* or customary worship, *proṣadhopāsana* or religious fasting, *niyama* or limitation of worldly enjoyment, and *dāna* or charity.

We have in our work a comprehensive treatment of *sāmāyika* or the Jaina system of worship, which primarily resolves itself into the worship of Arhats, that is, the all-holy and omniscient Tirthamkaras or Patriarchs. The worship is of two kinds according as it is done with or without the use of idols.

a) The kind of worship in which idols are dispensed with is regulated by what is known as *samaya-samudāra-vidhi*, which prescribes the adoration of certain entities, concrete and abstract, held sacred by Jainism. They are the Five Parameṣṭhins or Exalted Beings and the Three Jewels (Right Belief, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct). All these should be visualized on a piece of birch bark or cloth or wooden board or a slab of stone or on sand or the earth or in the air or in one's heart.<sup>4</sup> The salutations and hymns accompanying the votive offerings are composed by Somadeva himself in ornate prose and verse, and they rank high in Jaina devotional literature.

The Five Parameṣṭhins are adored first. They are, according to Somadeva's interpretation, the Arhat, that is, one of the Tirthamkaras or Patriarchs endowed with superhuman qualities; the Siddha or one who has realised within himself the luminous presence of the Infinite Soul; the Ācārya or the teacher who regulates the social order according the principles of Jainism; the Upādhyāya or the learned preceptor who has mastered

1 शिखण्डिकुण्डलयेन विदालम्यालवप्रवः । विषकण्टकशलाघिकवापाशकरज्जवः ॥ पापाख्यानाशुभाध्यानहिंसाक्रोधादृथाक्रियाः । यरोपतापपैशुन्यशोकाक्रन्दनकारिता ॥ वषट्पञ्चनसंरोधहेतवोऽन्वेऽपि चेदृशाः । मवन्त्यनपेदण्डाख्याः संपरायप्रवर्धनात् ॥ पोषणं कूरसत्त्वानां विलोपकरणकिं वाग् । देशमती न कुर्वीत स्वकीयाचारचारुषीः ॥

2 अनर्थदण्डमिमोक्षादवश्यं देशतो यतिः । सुहृत्तां सर्वभूतेषु स्वामित्वं च प्रपद्यते ॥

3 वज्रमारम्भहिंसानाशुपदेशात् प्रवर्धनम् । माराभिन्याषिकछेदौ तृतीयगुणहानवे ॥

4 भूर्वे फलके सिचवे शिखतके सेकपे धितौ षोडश । हृदये चैते स्वाध्याः समवसमाचारवेदिभिर्नित्यम् ॥ P. 373.

the sacred lore; and the Sādhu or the devotee bent on salvation and engaged in rigorous austerities in the face of insuperable obstacles. It may be added that the doctrine of the Parameṣṭhins is a cardinal feature of Jainism, which offers to some extent to be a cult of the superman in the sphere of religion, and reserves its highest honours for the best of men who uphold religion and society according to the tenets of the Jaina faith.

The Parameṣṭhins as well as the Three Jewels are invoked in our work in elaborate, long-winding prose salutations, each followed by a supplementary verse, some of which will be found reproduced in Chapter IV. Somadeva refers in this connection to the eightfold worship of the Parameṣṭhins and the Three Jewels.<sup>1</sup>

The prose invocations are followed by a considerable number of verses in praise of Right Faith, Right Knowledge, and Right Conduct, the Arhat, the Siddha, the Ācārya, and Śāntinātha, one of the the Jinas or Tirthankaras. Most of these eulogies are couched in an elevated style and will be found in the chapter on Somadeva's verse.

b) The worshipper may also use an image of the Arhat, and such worship consists of six items, viz. bathing and adoration of the idol, hymns, silent prayer (*japa*), meditation, and the adoration of the presiding goddess of the scriptures (*Śrutadevatā*). The first two items, ceremonial bathing and adoration of the idol, are closely interconnected, and illustrated by Somadeva with a series of highflown verses in praise of Jina, designed to accompany each successive stage of the ritual. The various stages of the worship proper are *prastāvanā* (prelude), *purākarma* (preliminary arrangements), *sthāpanā* (placing the idol on the altar), *samnidhāpana* (formal installation of the idol), *pūjā* (obeisance and offerings), and *pūjāphala* (declaration of the results accruing from the worship of Jina). The idol is bathed with fragrant water, clarified butter, and the juice of vines, dates, sugarcanes, old myrobalans, areca-nuts, and Piyāla fruits as well as coconut-milk,<sup>2</sup> and anointed with various pastes and compounds made from sandal, aloe wood, cardamoms, cloves and Kamkola berries.<sup>3</sup> Four pitchers filled with water and decorated with flowers and leaves are kept ready for the bathing ceremony.<sup>4</sup> The sacred Nandīvarta and Svastika emblems,

1 For example, 'भगवतोऽर्हत्परमेष्ठिनोऽष्टतयीमिहि करोमिति स्वाहा'. 'The eightfold worship is defined as follows in Hemacandra's *Yogakūṣṭha* 3. 120: यदाह । गन्धैर्माल्यैर्विनिर्व्यङ्ग्यहलपरिमलैरक्षतैर्भूषदीपैः सांनान्धैः प्राज्यभेदैश्चक्रभिरुपहृतैः पाकपूतैः फलैश्च । अम्भःसंपूर्णपात्रैरिति हि जिनपतेरर्च्येनामष्टभेदां कुर्वाणा वैश्वभाजः परमपदसुखस्त्रोमयारात्मन्ने ॥

2 द्राक्षाखर्जूरचोचैर्मुषाचीनामलकोद्भवैः । राजादनाम्रपूगोत्थैः क्षपयामि जिनं रसैः ॥ P. 383.

3 पलाशवङ्गकङ्कोलमलयागरुमिश्रितैः । पिष्टैः कल्लैः कपायैश्च जिनदेहमुपासहे ॥

4 पाथःपूर्णां कुम्भान् कोणेषु सुपङ्क्तवप्रसूनाचार्यान् । दुग्धाब्धीनिव विदधे प्रवालमुक्तोत्पलांश्चतुरः ॥

fruits, flowers, unbroken rice, water, handfuls of Kuśa grass, and earthen vessels are revolved in a circular fashion before the idol: this being the ceremony known as *nīrājanā*.<sup>1</sup> After a final bath (*avabhṛthasnāna*),<sup>2</sup> the worshipper should present to the idol Kalama rice, *havis*, lights, incense, flowers and fruits. White parasols, fly-whisks and mirrors are among the articles used in the worship of the idol.

The following are some of the verses composed by Somadeva to mark the different stages in the worship of Jina.

वायःपूर्णं कुम्भात् कोणेन सुपल्लवप्रसूनार्चनम् ।  
दुग्धाक्षीनिव विदधे प्रवालमुकोट्यर्णोदधिरः ॥ (पुराकर्म) p. 383.  
सीधोदकैर्मणिसुवर्णचटोपनीतैः पीठे पवित्रचपुषि प्रतिकल्पितार्थम् ।  
‘कद्मीभुतागमनवीजविदग्गर्भे संस्थापयामि भुवनाधिपतिं जिनेन्द्रम् ॥ (स्थापना)  
सोऽयं जिनः सुरगिरिवंशु पीठमेतदेतानि दुग्धजलधेः सलिलानि साक्षात् ।  
इन्द्रस्त्वहं तव सचप्रतिकर्मयोगाद् पूर्णो ततः कथमियं न महोत्सवञ्जीः ॥ (संनिधापनम्)

The following verses among others are meant to be recited while worshipping the idol with diverse offerings:

योगेऽस्मिन् नाकनाथ ज्वलन पितृपते नैगमेय प्रचेतो वायो रैवेतशेषोदुपसपरिजना यूयमेव प्रहामाः ।  
मर्म्मैर्म्मैः स्वाधायैरधिगतवकयः स्वास्तु दिक्षूपविष्टाः क्षेपीयः क्षेमदक्षाः कुस्त जिनसबोत्साहिनां विप्रशान्तिम् ॥ P. 383  
अमृतकृतकर्णिकेऽस्मिन् निजाक्षीजे कलादले कमले ।<sup>4</sup> संस्थाप्य पूजयेवं त्रिभुवनवरदं जिनं विप्रिना ।

The glory of the bathing ceremony is proclaimed in another verse:

लक्ष्मीकल्पलते समुल्लस जनातन्दैः परं पल्लवैर्धर्म्मामरामफलैः प्रकामसुभगस्त्वं भव्यसेव्यो भव ।  
बोधायीश विमुक्त संप्रति मुहुर्दुर्कर्मचर्मकर्म त्रैलोक्यप्रमदाबहैर्जिनपतेर्गन्धोदकैः स्नापनात् ॥ P. 385

‘Owing to the bathing of Lord Jina with perfumed waters that delight the universe, thou Wishing Creeper of Prosperity, blossom forth with leaves, bringing joy to men; thou Garden of Religious Merit, ever beautiful with fruits, be thou the resort of the faithful; and, thou Soul, shake off now the langour caused by the seat of recurring sins?’

The benign influence of the worship of Jina is expressed in the following benediction:

धर्म्मेषु धर्म्मनिरतात्मसु धर्म्महेतोर्धर्म्ममादवासमहिमास्तु नृपोऽनुकूलः ।<sup>5</sup>  
निखं जिनेन्द्रचरणार्चनपुण्यधन्याः कामं प्रजाश्च परमां शिवमामुवन्तु ॥ P. 386.

1 नन्दार्चनस्तिकफलप्रयुक्ताक्षताम्बुकुशपूजैः । अवतारयामि देवं जिनेश्वरं वर्धमानैश्च ॥ P. 384.

2 यथैर्मुदावधुधभाग्निरुपास्य देवं etc. As Ms. A says, यज्ञैः means पूजाभिः. P. 386.

3 Refers to the mystic formula श्री. Ms. A says पीठस्यापि पूर्वमर्घो दीयते । अक्षतैः श्रीकारो लिख्यते न तु गन्धैः.

4 Ms. A explains अमृत as पवर्ण and says: पकारेण कर्णिका क्रियते तन्मध्ये स्वकीयं नाम निक्षिप्यते । गोडशदलेषु अकारादयः स्वरा लिख्यन्ते ।

5 Ms. A reads धर्म्महेतोर्धर्म्ममादवासमहिमास्तु नृपोऽनुकूलः ।

'Let a king, having acquired glory by dint of virtue, be for the sake of Virtue, favourable to the practice of the virtues and those who are devoted to Virtue. Let the people, too, obtain at will the highest prosperity, ever blessed with the religious merit accruing from the worship of Lord Jina's feet.'

c) The ritual of worship is followed by the singing of hymns in praise of Jina. The next item is Japa or the repetition of the famous Pañcaparamēṣṭhi-mantra consisting of thirtyfive letters:

"नमो अरहंताय, नमो सिद्धाय, नमो आवरियाण, नमो उवज्जायाण, नमो लोए सब्बसाहूण ।"

This is the *sarvākṣara-mantra*. Somadeva refers also to the *nāmākṣara* formula consisting only of the names of the five Parameṣṭhins,<sup>1</sup> the *mukhyākṣara* formula consisting of the initial letters of the names of the Parameṣṭhins,<sup>2</sup> and formulas consisting of a single letter such as *Om*<sup>3</sup> or अ, but he prefers the one consisting of thirtyfive letters as the most authoritative.<sup>4</sup> The counting of the letters is to be done with a rosary composed of lotus seeds or golden beads or sunstones or gems, and the counting may also be done with flowers or on the finger-joints.<sup>5</sup> The formula is to be repeated in full, very clearly, with stress on the final *anusvāras*.<sup>6</sup> The repetition of the *mantra* may be vocal or mental, the latter method being the more efficacious. Great mystic value is attached to this formula which is eloquently praised by our author.

d) Japa is followed by *dhyāna* or meditation. The thirtyninth section of Book VIII deals with this important subject, and belongs, in fact, to a type of Jaina mystic literature represented by such works as Kundakunda's *Mokkhaṇḍa* and *Niyamasūtra*, *Samādhisataka*, Yogindu's *Paramātmaprakāśa*, Śubhacandra's *Jñānārṇava* and Devasena's *Ārādhana-sāra*. There are different kinds of *dhyāna*, but the fundamental basis of the Jaina system of meditation is the contemplation and realisation of the true nature of the Self. It is necessary to remember at the outset that Jaina doctrine recognises three kinds of Self: *bahirātma* or the outer

1 "अहंसिद्धाचार्योपाध्यायसर्वसाधुभ्यो नमः ।" Ms. A says अरहंत सिद्ध इत्यादि.

2 "अ सि आ उ सा"

3 See Section (d).

4 सर्वाक्षरनामाक्षरमुख्याक्षराद्येकवर्णविन्यासात् । निगिरन्ति जपं केचिदहं तु सिद्धक्रमैरेव ॥ P. 390. See also *Dravya-samgraha*, verse 49 and Brahmadeva's comm. thereon. पणदीस सोल छप्पण चहु दुगमेणं च जवहं क्षापह । परमेठिवाक्याणं अण्णं च गुरुवसेण ॥

5 पुण्यैः पूर्वभिरभ्युज्जीवस्वर्णोक्तान्तरैर्वा । निष्कम्पिताक्षवलयः पर्यङ्कस्यो जपं कुर्यात् ॥

6 'संपूर्णमस्ति स्पष्टं समावमानन्दसुन्दरं जपनः' ।



Self, *antardātmā* or the inner Self, and *paramātmā* or the higher Self. Kundakunda says in his *Mokkhaṇḍa* that the external Self consists of the sense organs; the inner Self is the consciousness that the soul is distinct from the body; and the higher Self is the emancipated soul free from the impurities of *Karma*.<sup>1</sup> The *paramātmā* or the higher Self is the sole object of meditation, and it is essential to note that it is not the universal Soul of Vedānta, but the pure and all-knowing soul in each individual, circumscribed and obscured for the time being by the hindrances of *karma*. Jaina meditation is not merely contemplation but realisation of the Self, which is the same thing as liberation or the emancipated existence of the individual soul. As Kundakunda says, the Yogin by contemplating the *paramātmā* diverts himself of sin-producing greed and acquires no new *karma*: firm in right conduct and right faith, he contemplates the Self and reaches the supreme goal (ibid. verses 48, 49).<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva begins by saying that the prescribed process of meditation should be sedulously practised by one who desires to contemplate the Supreme Light and attain 'that eternal abode', that is, the abode of the emancipated souls at the top of the universe, as conceived by Jainism. The Supreme Light (*paramjyotiḥ*) is the higher Self or *paramātmā*, and the expression is often used in this sense in Jaina literature, e. g., in *Jñānārṇava* 31. 8,<sup>3</sup> 41,<sup>4</sup> 32. 35<sup>5</sup> etc.

Somadeva mentions two broad divisions of meditation, *sabijadhyāna* and *abijadhyāna*. In *sabijadhyāna* the mind is like a lamp, unshaken by the gusts of external and internal delusion, and cheers up at the sight of the Truth.<sup>6</sup> In *abijadhyāna* the mental current reaches a stage when it becomes devoid of conscious thought, and the Self sparkles within itself.<sup>7</sup> In other words, the mind is at work in *sabijadhyāna*, but ceases to function in *abijadhyāna*, leaving the Self to discover itself. The latter is the higher kind of contemplation, of which Somadeva describes the main characteristics. He says that when the five senses sink into themselves and the mind is submerged, the Light dawns on the inner Self. Meditation consists in mental concentration; the Self meditates and reaps the consequences; the

1 अन्तराणि बाहिराण्या अंतरजण्या इ अणुसंक्राम्यो । कर्मकलंकविमुक्तो परमण्या मण्य देवो ॥

2 परमपथ ज्ञायतो जोई मुक्खे मल्लोहेण । जादियदि नवं कम्मं गिरेडुं जिणवरिदेहि ॥ होऊण दिवचरितो दिवसस्मरणेण अभियमईओ । ज्ञायतो अण्णणे परमपथ पावय जोई ॥

3 'परमात्मा परंज्योतिः'

4 'परंज्योतिष्काता परमपुरुषोऽविन्स्वरितः'

5 'यो विद्युक् मलिकात्मा परंज्योतिः सनातनः'

6 बहिरन्तराण्योवतैरस्पन्दं योषवन्मनः । वसुधाभ्यन्तरेऽस्ति तद् साद् ध्यानं सवीजकम् ॥ P. 391.

7 निर्विचारावताराद् वैतन्त्र्योत्पद्यते । आत्मनैव स्वरूपात्मा अवेवात्मवीजकम् ॥

Light of the Self is the object of meditation; and the subjugation of the senses is the means to accomplish it. Lack of strength does not remove obstacles nor does lack of stamina lead to eternal life: one should therefore contemplate the higher Self (*param brahma*) without any sense of weakness.<sup>1</sup> Two points may be noted in this connection. First, while there cannot be meditation without mental concentration, the destruction of the senses and specially the activity of the mind is the primary condition of self-realisation. Devasena's *Ārāḍhanāsāra*, which elaborates the point, remarks, for instance, that the Self *ātma* becomes the higher Self (*paramātmā*) when the activity of the mind is destroyed.<sup>2</sup> Yogīndu in his *Paramātmaprakāśa* (verse 31) describes the higher Self as mindless (*amanu*), and the devotee is asked to meditate on the infinite and divine Self by suppressing the mind.<sup>3</sup> Super-mental consciousness is the goal aimed at, and the vision of the Light is said to appear only when the senses are subdued and the mind is at a standstill. Pūjyapāda says in his *Samādhisataka* (verse 30) that what one visualizes for a moment after controlling all the senses, with the inner Self motionless and calm, is the reality underlying the higher Self.<sup>4</sup> Somadeva says in a mystic verse, which, if we understand it correctly, seems to mean that when the swan of the mind (i. e. the inner Self) is bereft of mental activity and the swan of the soul (i. e. the higher Self) is steady in every respect, the swan of knowledge becomes the swan of the lake of visible phenomena in their entirety.<sup>5</sup> There seems to be here a reference to what Yogīndu calls *hamsācāra* (2. 170), which is explained as the passionfree purity of the soul concomitant with infinite knowledge and other attributes.<sup>6</sup>

Secondly, the use of the expression *param brahma* in the sense of the higher Self is another instance of Jaina adaptation of Vedantic terminology. Somadeva uses the expression several times,<sup>7</sup> and other examples are frequently found in Yogīndu's *Paramātmaprakāśa*.<sup>8</sup>

Meditation is always difficult. Just as gems, though found in the earth, are not found everywhere; similarly, meditation, though it depends upon

1 विसृज्यैकामता ध्यानं ध्यातात्मा तत्फलप्रभुः । ध्येयमात्मागमज्योतिस्तदिधिदेहयातना ॥ नाकमिलमविघ्नय न ह्रीवत्त्वमवृत्त्यवे । तस्मादङ्घ्रियमानात्मा परं ब्रह्मैव विन्तयेत् ॥ P. 391.

2 'गिर्याहिप मणपसरे अप्या परमप्पओ हवइ ।'

3 'चित्तु गिवारिबि झाहि तुहुँ अप्या देउ अणंतु । 2. 172.

4 सर्वेन्द्रियाणि संयम्य स्तिमितेनान्तरात्मना । यत् क्षणं पश्यन्तो भासि तत्तत्त्वं परमात्मनः ॥

5 निर्मलस्के मनोहंसे पुंसे सर्वतः स्थिरे । बोधहंसोऽखिलालोक्यसरोहंसः प्रजायते ॥ P. 392.

6 Brahmadeva says in his commentary: हंसानाह संशयविभ्रमविमोहरहितानन्तज्ञानादितिरैकगुणयोगेन हंस इव हंसः परमात्मा तस्य आचारं रागादिरहितं शुद्धात्मपरिणाममिति ।

7 See below.

8 बंधु मुणिविणु 1. 109. Comm. says ब्रह्मशब्दवाच्यनिर्दोषपरमात्मानं मत्वा ब्रह्मा; बंधु पर्वचहि जो रक्षि 2. 171 etc.

individual effort, is not possible for everybody.<sup>1</sup> The duration of *dhyāna* is only an *antarmuhūrta*; and it is difficult to attain a state of mind, steadfast in meditation and free from vibration.<sup>2</sup> But *dhyāna*, though it lasts only for such a short time, firm in the soul, totally destroys one's accumulated *karma*, just as a stroke of lightning rends asunder a hill in a moment.<sup>3</sup> There are five factors which contribute towards Yoga or meditation: indifference to the world, maturity of knowledge, lack of attachment, a steadfast mind and ability to endure the privations of hunger, thirst, grief, swoon, old age and death.<sup>4</sup> The obstacles to Yoga are mental suffering, disease, error, carelessness, idleness, confusion, lack of success, attachment and fickleness.<sup>5</sup> He who practises meditation should be free from anger and pleasure, and remain indifferent, like a clod of earth, both to one who pierces him with thorns and one who smears him with sandal-paste.<sup>6</sup> He should maintain a uniform attitude towards gain and loss, home and woodland, friend and foe, the pleasant and the unpleasant, happiness and misery.<sup>7</sup> He should be deeply learned in sacred lore regarding the higher Self, endowed with fortitude, goodwill, and maintain constant silence except for words pleasant and true.<sup>8</sup>

Somadeva then refers to the four kinds of *dhyāna* mentioned in *Tattvārthasūtra*, ch. IX: *ārta*, *raudra*, *dharmya* and *sukla*. *Ārtadhyāna* is of four kinds: contemplation of the presence of an unpleasant object and the anxiety to get rid of it; contemplation of the loss of a pleasant object and the anxiety to regain it; constant thought of pain or disease and the desire to remove it; and the anxiety to enjoy unattained objects of pleasure. *Raudradhyāna* is also of four kinds according as it is preoccupied with thoughts of injury, falsehood, theft and the preservation of the means of enjoyment. *Ārtadhyāna* and *Raudradhyāna* should be avoided by all means: they are, as it were, gates barring the entry of the Three Jewels and effective barriers in the path of liberation; steps leading to hell and wings obscuring the vision of the truth. The tree of rebirth prodigiously grows as long as even a vestige of these two *dhyānas* remains in the mind.<sup>9</sup>

1 भूमौ जन्मेति रक्षानां यथा सर्वत्र नोज्झवः । तथात्मजमिति ध्यानं सर्वत्राङ्गिनि नोज्झवेत् ॥ P. 392.

2 तस्य कर्तुं बलवन्तमुद्धतं मुनयः परम् । अपरिस्पन्दमानं हि तत् परं दुर्धरं मनः ॥

3 तत्काकमपि तच्छानं स्फुरदेकाग्रमात्मनि । उच्चैः कर्मोच्चयं सिन्धुद्वजं शूलमिव क्षणात् ॥

4 वैराग्यं ज्ञानसंपत्तिरसंगः स्थिरचित्तता । कर्मिण्यसहत्वं च पञ्च योगस्य हेतवः ॥

5 आभिध्याविषिपर्यासप्रमादादस्यविभ्रमाः । अकामः सङ्गिताद्यैर्यमेते तस्यान्तरायकाः ॥

6 यः कण्टकैस्तुद्वलङ्गं यश्च क्षिप्यति चन्दनैः । रोषतोषाविषिकात्मा तवोरासीत लोष्टवत् ॥

7 कामेऽकामे बदे वासे मित्रेऽमित्रे प्रियेऽप्रिये । सुखे दुःखे समानात्मा भवेत्सद्विवर्धनीः सदा ॥ P. 393.

8 परे ब्रह्मण्यदुषानो धृतिमैत्रीदवान्वितः । अन्यत्र सज्जतादाक्यात्तिलं वाचंयवी भवेत् ॥

9 जन्तोरेतत्संसारजन्मैर्नोत्थयन्तीनी । आर्तरीहे त्वजेऽयाने दुरन्तफलादायिनी ॥ बोध्यागमकपाटे ते मुक्तिमार्गमले परे । सोपाने ऋजोकोकस्य तस्यैवावृत्तिपद्मणी ॥ देवतोऽपि मनो वाक्येते समपिहिततः । यत्र जन्मतस्त्वावदुच्चैः समधिरोहति ॥

Somadeva then deals with Dharmyadhyāna and Sukladhyāna. He who practises Dharmyadhyāna should ponder over the fundamental principles of Jainism, carefully considering the authoritative means of knowledge, and the various standpoints and aspects.<sup>1</sup> Dharmyadhyāna is of four kinds: *ājñāvicāya* or discerning the truth on the basis of absolute faith in the scriptures composed by Jina; *apāyavicāya* or pondering on the means of making people abstain from wrong belief, knowledge and conduct; *vipākavicāya* or pondering over the consequences of the eight kinds of *karma*; and *saṁsthānavicāya* or pondering over the nature and constitution of the universe. Somadeva gives examples of all the varieties of Dharmyadhyāna. For instance, the devotee may reflect on *ājñā* in the following manner: 'Just as there is no mystery in the world about pure gold and its working, similarly it is the desire of the wise that there should be no mystery about authoritative scriptures. But the scriptures (of other faiths) fail to convince even persons of scanty intelligence like myself. How can they help the creatures sinking in the ocean of worldly existence?'<sup>2</sup> *Apāya* may be contemplated as follows: 'Alas, the darkness of false doctrines makes man's minds blind to the acceptance of the Three Jewels, even though such a step shines with the rays of reason. Let us hope for the day when, casting off sins, men will see the Truth that puts an end to misery.'<sup>3</sup> After reflecting on the constitution of the universe, the devotee should ponder over the consequences of *karma*: 'There in the universe, upwards, downwards, and athwart, the creatures incessantly wander, like dust, impelled by the gust of their own *karma*.'<sup>4</sup> It is asserted that he who thus practises Dharmyadhyāna, with his senses and mind subdued, has his darkness dispelled, as if at the rise of the sun.<sup>5</sup>

The next step is *Sukladhyāna* which is the highest form of meditation. The four stages of this *dhyāna* are briefly mentioned by Somadeva (P. 394.):

मेदं विवर्जितामेदममेदं मेदवर्जितम् । ध्यायन् सूक्ष्मकिंवास्तुतो लिखितं योगमाचरेत् ॥

The first stage, called by Somadeva 'diversity devoid of unity', is *prthaktva-vitarka-vicāra*, wherein the devotee is absorbed in the meditation of the Self, but unconsciously allows its different attributes to replace one another. The second stage, called by our author 'unity devoid of diversity', is *ekatva-vitarka-*

1 प्रमाणनयनिक्षेपैः सानुयोगैर्विशुद्धीः । मतिं तनोति तत्त्वेषु भवैध्यानपरायणः ॥ P. 394.

2 अरहस्ये यथा लोके सती काञ्चनकर्मणी । अरहस्यं तथैच्छन्ति मुषियः परमागमम् । यः स्तब्धत्वव्यवधानां विचारेष्वसि मादृशम् । स संसारार्णवे मज्जज्जन्तवाङ्मवः कथं भवेत् ॥ (इत्याद्या) P. 394.

3 अहो मिथ्यातमः पुंसां बुक्तिबोतैः स्फुरत्सपि । बद्धन्वयति चेतांसि रत्नत्रयपरिमहे ॥ आशास्यहे तदेतेषां दिनं यथास्तकस्मयाः । इदमेते प्रपश्यन्ति तत्त्वं दुःखनिवर्हणम् ॥ (इत्युपायः)

4 अकृत्रिमो विचित्रात्मा मध्ये च असराजिमात् । मरुत्तवीरुतो लोकः प्रान्ते तद्वामनिष्ठितः ॥ (इति लोकः) रेणुवज्जन्तवस्तत्र तिर्यगूर्ध्वमधोऽपि च । अनारतं जगन्ल्लेते निजकर्मानिलेरिताः ॥ (इति विपाकः)

5 इति चिन्तयतो भर्ग्यं यतालेन्द्रियचेतसः । तमांसि द्रवमायान्ति द्वादशात्मोदयादिव ।

*śleṣa*, wherein the Yogin concentrates on a particular aspect of the Self without any change or variation.<sup>1</sup> These two stages of Śukladhyāna are followed by the destruction of the 'destructive' *karmas*, and the third stage is known as *sūkṣma-kriyā-pratipāti*, wherein the absorption of the soul in itself still leaves room for minute vibratory movements in the soul. The fourth stage is *vyuparata-kriyā-nivartī*, called by Somadeva *niṣkriyā yoga*, wherein vibration or activity of any kind is totally absent. Transcending the body, the Yogin now loses all connection with the mind, and his vital breaths come to an end, while he attains the supreme goal and perfect knowledge.<sup>2</sup> This is the stage in which the Self becomes the higher Self, and this is *mokṣa* or liberation, characterized by the destruction of both 'destructive' and 'undestructive' *karmas*,<sup>3</sup> and free from the limitations of birth, a condition in which the Self attains its own qualities.<sup>4</sup> As Kundakunda says in his *Samayasāra* (verse 196), one who is full of faith and knowledge, and meditates on the Self with undivided attention, soon attains the higher Self, free from *karmas*;<sup>5</sup> and liberation is nothing but the attainment or realisation of the higher Self, as pointed out by Yogīndu in *Paramātmaprakāśa* 2. 10.<sup>6</sup>

One who practises meditation should also contemplate the path of the Three Jewels, the rules of conduct, the Anuprekṣās, and the seven fundamental principles of Jainism, and the personality of Lord Jina.<sup>7</sup> But the contemplation of the Self is the supreme object of *dhyāna*, and the devotee should reflect within himself that he knows the truth and devotedly believes in the scriptures, and will renounce all external activity and merge the Self in the (higher) Self.<sup>8</sup> As explained in *Jñānārṇava* 40.19, the person engaged in meditation should unite the Self with the higher Self, inspired solely by the nature thereof, and impregnating the Self with the qualities of the higher Self.<sup>9</sup>

The realisation of the (higher) Self by the Self by means of the (inner) Self, that is, knowledge, is a mode of expression frequently used in

1 See *Tattvārthadhigamasūtra* IX. 39 (ed. Jaini, p. 190).

2 बिलीनाशयसंबन्धः शान्तमास्तसंचयः । देहातीतः परं धाम कैवल्यं प्रतिपद्यते ॥ The verse is omitted in the printed text of *Yastilaka*, p. 394.

3 The 'destructive' (बातिन्) *Karmas* are ज्ञानावरणीय, दर्शनावरणीय, मोहनीय and अन्तराय. The 'undestructive' (अबातिन्) *Karmas* are वेदनीय, नाम, गोत्र and आशुः. See Section IV.

4 प्रक्षीणोमवकर्माणं जन्मदोषैर्विवर्जितम् । लब्ध्वात्मगुणमात्मानं मोक्षयाहुर्सेनीयिणः ॥ P. 394.

5 अप्याणं ह्यायंतो दंसणमाणमइज्जो अणणमणो । उहदि अचिरेण अप्याणमेव सो कम्मणिस्सुक्कं ॥

6 जीवहँ सो पर मोक्षु सुणि जो परमप्ययलाडु । कम्मकलंकविमुक्काहँ णाणिव मोहहि साहू ॥

7 मार्गसंज्ञमनुप्रेक्षाः सप्ततर्ष जिनेश्वरम् । ध्यायेदात्मचक्षुष्प्यान् प्रसंख्यानपरायणः ॥ P. 395.

8 जावे तर्षं यथेतिहं अहंवे तदनन्यथीः । मुक्केऽहं सर्वमारम्भमात्मन्यात्मानमादवे ॥

9 तद्गुणग्रामसंपूर्णं तत्त्वभावैकभावितः । कृत्वात्मानं वतो ध्यानी योजयेत् परमात्मनि ॥

Jaina mystic literature with peculiar and almost redundant emphasis. Somadeva, for instance, says that when the Self realises the Self within itself by means of the Self as a result of the attainment of the Three Jewels, it attains itself (that is, its own true qualities) along with the higher Self (P. 395):

आत्मायं बोधिसंपत्तेरात्मन्वात्मानमात्मना । यदा सूते तदात्मानं कुरुते परमात्मना ॥

The idea is expressed in similar language in several other texts, e. g., *Samayasāra* 196; Pūjyapāda's *Iṣṭopadeśa* 22; *Jñānārṇava* 32. 41; *Paramātmā-prakāśa* 2. 174:

अप्याणं ज्ञायंतो वंसज्जणमहो अण्णमणो । लहदिं अविरेण अप्याणमेव सो कम्मणिम्मुक्कं ॥

संबन्ध करणप्राममेकाग्रत्वेन चेतसः । आत्मानमात्मवान् ध्यायेदात्मनैवात्मनि स्थितम् ॥

आत्मन्येवात्मनात्मायं स्वयमेवानुभूयते । अतोऽन्यत्रैव मां ज्ञातुं प्रयासः कार्यनिष्फलः ॥

एवुं तु अप्पा सो परमप्पा कम्मविसेल्लं जायड जप्पा । जामहं जाणह् अप्पे अप्पा तामहं सो जि देठ परमप्पा ॥<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva declares that the Self meditates, the Self is the object of meditation, the Self is meditation, and the Self composed of the Three Jewels is the result of meditation (P. 395):

ध्यातारमा ध्येयमात्मैव ध्यानमात्मा फलं तथा । आत्मा रक्ताद्यात्मोक्तो यथा युक्तिपरिग्रहः ॥

The absolute identity of the Self with the higher Self so that there remains no distinction between the subject and object of meditation and meditation itself is proclaimed also in other texts: Pūjyapāda's *Iṣṭopadeśa* 25; Devasena's *Arādhanaśāra* 11; *Jñānārṇava* 31. 37-9:

कटस्य कर्ताहमिति संबन्धः स्याद् द्वयोर्द्वयोः । ध्यानं ध्येयं यदात्मैव संबन्धः कीदृशस्तदा ॥

आराधनमाराधं आराध्य तद् फलं च अं अणिवं । तं सर्वं जानीहि आत्मानं चैव निष्कवदो ॥

अनन्यस्मरणीभूय स तस्मिन् लीयते तथा । ध्यातृध्यानोभयाभावे ध्येयेनैक्यं यथा ब्रजेत् ॥

सोऽयं समरसीभावकदेवीकरणं स्मृतम् । अपृथक्त्वेन यत्रात्मा लीयते परमात्मनि ॥

Somadeva has a number of verses which contain the reflections of the devotee engaged in meditation (P. 395):

सुखास्तसुधासूतिस्रवेरुद्याचकः । परं महाहमन्नासे तमःपावावशीकृतः ॥

यदा चकासि मे चेतस्रद्ध्यानोदयगोचरम् । तदाहं जगतां चक्षुः स्वामादित्य इवात्मना ॥

आदौ मध्वमधु प्राप्ते सर्वमिन्द्रियजं सुखम् । प्रातःकायिषु हेमन्ते तोषमुष्णमिवाग्निषु ॥

यो दुरामयदुर्दशे बद्धप्राप्तो यमोऽङ्गिनि । स्वभावसुभगे तस्य स्पृहा केन निवार्यते ॥

जन्ममौवनसंयोगसुखानि यदि देहिनाम् । निर्विषयानि को नाम सुधीः संसारमुत्सृजेत् ॥

अनुपाचेत नायूषि नापि मृत्युमुपाहरेत् । भृतो भृत्य इवासीत कालावधिमविस्मरन् ॥

महाभोगोऽहमप्यास्मि वत्सलवचितेजसा । सुविशुद्धान्तरात्मासे तमःपारे प्रतिष्ठितः ॥

तस्मात्ति यदहं लोके सुखं दुःखं च नास्त्वान् । स्वमेऽपि न मया प्राप्तो जैनागमसुधारसः ॥

सम्पद्येत्तद् सुखमाभ्योर्ध्वेर्दिन्दुमप्यालिहन् मुहुः । जन्तुर्न जातु जायेत जन्मऽश्रुलजमाजन् ॥

'I am the higher Self, the moon of the nectar of bliss, and the mountain

1 एव यः आत्मा स परमात्मा कर्मविशेषेण जातः जाप्यः । यदा जानाति आत्मना आत्मानं तदा स एव देवः परमात्मा ॥

2 आराधनमाराधं आराधकस्तथा फलं च यद् अणितम् । तत् सर्वं जानीहि आत्मानं चैव निश्चयतः ॥

whence rises the sun of bliss. Overpowered by the fetters of ignorance, I am confined within the body. But when my mind shines under the influence of the contemplation of the higher Self, I will be the eye of the universe, like the sun free from darkness. All pleasures of the senses are sweet at the outset, but bitter at the end, like water in the winter, which at first proves warm to bathers at dawn. Death is ready to swallow even a creature afflicted with a fell disease: who can check his greed for one that is beautiful by nature? If life, youth, association and the joys of creatures were permanent, what wise man would desire to avoid the cycle of births? One should neither long for life nor invite death, but remain like a servant maintained with wages, not forgetting the limit of one's term. Paramount happiness is mine today, standing as I do on the farther shore of darkness, the inner Self thoroughly purified by the light of faith in the fundamental truths. No pleasure or pain is there in the world which I have not experienced, but never have I tasted the nectar of Jaina lore even in a dream. No living creature ever becomes subject to the flames of rebirth if he takes, rightly and often, even a drop of that ocean of nectar!

The devotee should also contemplate the nature and glory of Jina, 'who appears to shine in person in the lights of meditation'. Somadeva describes in a series of verses the various aspects of the Exalted One's sacred majesty, as a guide to the devotee's own contemplation of the true character of Jina. Portions of the *dhyāna* are reproduced below (P. 397):

देवं देवसमासीनं पञ्चकल्याणनाथकम् । चतुर्विंशद्गुणोपेतं प्राप्तिहार्योपशोभितम् ॥  
 निरञ्जनं जनाधीशं परमं रमयाभितम् । अमृतं अमृतदोषोपममयं भवभृदुदम् ॥  
 प्रभव सर्वविद्यानां सर्वलोकपितामहम् । सर्वसत्त्वहितारम्भं गतसर्वमसर्वगम् ॥<sup>1</sup>  
 स्वयमानमन्त्रानैर्ब्रह्मोद्योर्ब्रह्मकामिभिः । अज्वात्मागमवेद्योभिर्योगिभिर्युक्त्वैर्हर्षिभिः ॥  
 निरुपं कृपिताशेषमशब्दं सत्यनिहितम् । अस्पर्शं योगसंस्पर्शमरसं सरसागमम् ॥  
 अतावकगुणं सर्वं त्वं सर्वगुणभाजनः । त्वं सृष्टिः सर्वकामानां कामसृष्टिमिमीकनः ॥  
 त्रयीमार्गं त्रयीरूपं त्रयीमुक्तं त्रयीपतिम् । त्रयीभ्यासं त्रयीवरं त्रयीचूडामणिलिखितम् ॥<sup>2</sup>  
 जगतां कौमुदीचन्द्रं कामकल्याणनीलम् । गुणविन्तामणिलेखं कल्याणागमनाकरम् ॥  
 प्रणिधानप्रदीपेषु साक्षादिव चकासतम् । व्यायेज्जगत्प्रयाचाईमहन्तं सर्वलोमुदम् ॥

Somadeva then explains the Jaina view of gods. He tells us that the Jaina scriptures have imagined the existence of various deities for the protection of the faith, but whoever considers them equal in matters

1 न सर्वं गच्छति इति शरीरप्रमाणमित्यर्थः—Ms. A.

2 यद् वस्तु तत् सर्वम् अतावकगुणं तत्स्वरूपं न—Ms. A.

3 According to Ms. A, त्रयी means successively (1) रत्नत्रय (2) सत्ता, सुख and चैतन्य (3) राग, द्वेष and मोह (4) the three forms of knowledge (मति, बुद्ध and अवधि) (5) अतीत, अनागत and वर्तमानकाल (6) उत्पत्ति, भव and प्रीत्य (7) and the three worlds.



of worship to Lord Jina, 'the eye of the three worlds', is bound to go to the lowest hell, although it is permissible to honour them as well by allotting to them a portion of the ceremonial offerings. These deities including Indra show favour of their own accord to those who are solely devoted to the Jaina creed, possess right faith, and carefully observe the vows.<sup>1</sup>

The contemplation of Lord Jina mentioned above is an attempt to visualize the diverse aspects of the saviour's personality, and is generally known as *rupastha dhyāna*.<sup>2</sup> The worshipper may contemplate also the mystic formula signifying the five Parameṣṭhins, namely the *Arham mantra*, 'the eternal foundation of all branches of knowledge'. While contemplating it the devotee should use the *mandara-mudrā* and mentally locate the *mantra* on his forehead.<sup>3</sup> We are told that sages contemplate this *mantra* after studying all the scriptures and performing the greatest austerities, and that any one who mentally repeats it attains all kinds of prosperity whether he is pure or impure, happy or miserable.<sup>4</sup> It may be noted that this kind of meditation is known as *padastha dhyāna*, explained in *Jñānārṇava* (chap. 38), which describes diverse mystic formulas including the *Arham mantra*.<sup>5</sup>

The above forms of meditation are called by Somadeva transcendental (*lokottara*), and he makes also certain observations which he calls popular or general (*laukika*). The devotee, for instance, should contemplate the *Omkāra* formula, mentally locating it on the tip of the nose and concentrating the mind on space between the eyebrows.<sup>6</sup> He should arouse the mystic lotus inside his navel and move the connected artery, and then direct the four 'winds' or subtle breaths relating to earth, water, fire and air towards the mind.<sup>7</sup> It may be noted that the process referred to here

1 'ताः शासनाभिरक्षाश्च कल्पिताः परमागमे' etc.

2 See *Jñānārṇava*, chap. 39.

3 ध्यायेद्वा वाक्यं ज्योतिर्गुरुपञ्चकवाचकम् । एतदि सर्वविद्यानामधिष्ठानमनमरम् ॥ ध्यायन् विन्यस्य देहेऽस्मिन्निर्दमन्दरमुद्रया । सर्वनामादिबर्णाहं वर्णाधन्तं सजीवकम् ॥ P. 398. MS. A says मस्तकोपरि हस्तद्वयेन शिखराकारः कुक्षलः क्रियते स एव मन्दरः ।

4 'अपीत्य सर्वशास्त्राणि विधाय च तपः परम्' etc.

5 उक्तं च—अकारादि हकारान्तं रेफमध्यं सविन्दुकम् । तदेव परमं तत्त्वं यो जानाति स तत्त्वविद् ॥ *Jñānārṇava* (op. cit.)

6 पञ्चमूर्तिमयं बीजं नासिकाग्रे विचिन्तयत् । निधाय संगमे चेतो दिव्यज्ञानमवाप्नुयात् ॥ It may be noted that the Jaina *Om* is composed of the first letters of the name of the five Parameṣṭhins. अ (अरहन्त) + व (अक्षरी i. e. सिद्ध) + आ (आचार्य) + उ (उवाच्याव) + ऋ (मुनि i. e. साधु) = ओम् or ॐ. See Brahmadeva's commentary on *Dravyasamgraha*, verse. 49.

7 पञ्चमुत्थापयेत् पूर्वं नाडीं संचालयेत्ततः । मरुत्तुहवं पश्चात् प्रचारयत्तु चेतसि ॥ MS. A says नाभौ स्वभावेन स्थितं कमले चालयेत् पश्चात् नासिकाग्रे नाडीं, नाड्यां कृत्वा मरुतः इदं प्रति प्रापयेत् । (मरुत्तुहवं) पृष्ठी-अप-तेजोवायुमण्डलानि नासिकाग्रे सूक्ष्मानि स्थितानि तानि चेतसि आत्मविन्दुं प्रचारयत्तु योजयत्तु ।

is employed in *prāṇāyāma*, and the devotee has to master the control and regulation of each of the four kinds of vital air, believed to be located, each in its own centre, inside the nostrils. The topic is treated in detail in *Jñānārṇava* 29. 15 ff.

Somadeva goes on to say that just as a person, holding a lamp in his hand, looks at something and then puts the lamp aside, similarly the devotee, after having seen the object of knowledge with the help of knowledge, should renounce knowledge (that is, mental action) altogether.<sup>1</sup> Concentration in meditation takes place only when the inflow of all sinful *karma* ceases, and there can be no question of *dhyāna* for those whose minds are corrupted by sin.<sup>2</sup> Milk turned into curds never becomes milk again: similarly, one whose soul has been purified by the knowledge of the truth is not contaminated by sins again.<sup>3</sup>

In conclusion, no real difference exists between the individual Self and the blissful higher Self: the former is so called when in bondage, and becomes the blissful higher Self again when it is released from bondage. There is, however, a great difference between the body and the Self, the former extremely impure and the latter extremely pure, and the Self should always be meditated upon after isolating it from the body.<sup>4</sup> Just as oil remains separate in water, similarly the Self remains apart within the body.<sup>5</sup> Those who know the truth should by proper means isolate the Self from the body in spite of their long association, just as clarified butter is ingeniously separated from curds.<sup>6</sup> The relation between the body and the Self, the one with form and the other without form, is like that of a flower and its fragrance, a tree and its shade, and a face and its reflection.<sup>7</sup>

Somadeva's elaborate discourse on *dhyāna* ends with a definition of *āsana*s or Yogic postures viz. *padmāsana*, *virāsana* and *sukhāsana*, and a few hints on the method of acquiring concentration during meditation.

e) The next item of *Sāmāyika* is the worship of *Śrutadevatā* or the presiding goddess of the Jaina scriptures, also called *Sarasvatī*, like her Brahmanical counterpart. Somadeva, following his usual method, gives a

1 शीघ्रहस्तो यथा कश्चित् किञ्चिदालोक्य तं त्यजेत् । ज्ञानेन वेदमालोक्य पश्चात् ज्ञानमुत्सृजेत् ॥ P. 398.

2 सर्पपादाञ्जने क्षीणे ध्याने भवति भावना । पापोपहतबुद्धीनां ध्यानवार्तापि दुर्लभा ॥

3 दधिभावगतं क्षीरं न पुनः क्षीरतां व्रजेत् । तत्त्वज्ञानविशुद्ध्या पुनः पापैर्न लिप्यते ॥

4 जीवः शिवः शिवोर्जः किं भेदोऽस्त्यत्र कश्चन । पाशबद्धो भवेज्जीवः पाशमुक्तः शिवः पुनः ॥ अत्यन्तं मलिनो देहः पुमानत्यन्तमिर्लभः । देहादेर्न पृथक्त्वा तस्मात्तिलं विचिन्तयेत् ॥

5 तोयमध्ये यथा तैर्लं पृथग्भावेन तिष्ठति । तथा शरीरमध्येऽस्मिन् पुमानास्ते पृथक्त्वा ॥

6 यज्ञः क्षयिदिवात्मावस्तुपावेन क्षीरितः । पृथक्कियेत तत्त्वक्षेत्रं संसर्गवानपि ॥

7 पुष्पासौदी तद्वज्रवि बद्धं सत्त्वनिष्कले । तद्वसौ देहदेहसौ यथा कपनविश्ववत् ॥ P. 399.

series of verses, composed by himself, to accompany the various offerings made to the goddess. The following verses are addressed to the goddess at the time of offering water, lights and incense respectively (P. 401):

यस्याः पद्मद्वयमलंकृतियुग्मयोग्यं लोकत्रयाम्बुजसरःप्रविहारहारि ।  
तां वाग्विहासकसतिं सलिलेन देवीं सेवे कविप्रुतस्मदनकल्पवल्लीम् ॥  
एकं पदं बहुपदापि ददाति गुहा वर्णात्मिकापि न करोति न वर्णभाजम् ।  
सेवे तथापि भवतीमथवा जनोऽर्थी दोषं न पश्यति तदस्तु तवैव दीपः ॥  
चक्षुः परं करणकन्दारवूरितोऽर्थे मोहान्धकारविपुली परमः प्रकाशः ।  
तद्वामगामिपद्मवीक्षणरत्नदीपस्त्वं सेव्यसे तदिह देवि जनेन धूमैः ॥

The following verses mark the conclusion of the worship of Śrutadevatā (P. 401):

कलघौतकमलमौक्तिकदुङ्कलमणिजालवामरप्रायैः ।  
आराधयामि देवीं सरस्वतीं सकलमङ्गलैर्भावैः ॥  
स्वाहाद्भूधरभवा मुनिमानवीवा देवैरनन्वधारणैः समुपासनीया ।  
स्वान्ताभिलासिककलङ्कहरप्रवाहा वातापगास्तु मम बोधगजावगाहा ॥

'I worship Goddess Sarasvatī with all-auspicious objects comprising golden lotuses, silken scarves studded with pearls, bejewelled curtains and fly-whisks. Like an elephant entering the waters of a river, may my intellect plunge into the River of Speech, whose current cleanses the mind of all its impurities, (the River) that rises from the Mount of Syādvāda doctrine, is worthy of the veneration of the sages, and fit to be adored by the gods, having no other refuge!' The adoration of Śrutadevatā brings to a close the Samāyika or customary worship, and Somadeva concludes this section with a devout prayer to Jina (P. 402):

इहस्त्वं जिन सेवितोऽसि नितरां आवैरनन्वाधयैः शिष्यस्त्वं न तथापि वत्समविविधैके विरक्तेऽपि न ।  
ममेतः पुनरेतदीक्ष भवति प्रेमप्रकटं तवः किं भावे परमत्र यामि भवतो भूयाद् पुनर्दक्षेनम् ॥

XIII) The second Śikṣāvratā is Proṣadha or religious fasting on four days of the month (the eighth and fourteenth lunar days in each fortnight). He who observes this *vratā* should refrain from all sinful actions and practise self-control; and abstaining from bath, perfumes, bodily decoration, ornaments and women, observe fast and devote himself to religious meditation in a temple or on a hill or at home or in the woods.<sup>1</sup> The inner spirit cannot become pure without the mortification of the body: what else but fire can purify gold?<sup>2</sup> Failure to examine and sweep the ground before use, evil

1 ज्ञानगन्धाक्षसंस्कारभूषायोगविशुद्धीः । निवृत्तसर्वसाधकक्रियः संयमतत्परः ॥ देवागारे गिरौ चापि गृहे वा गहनेऽपि वा । उपोषितो भवेन्नित्यं धर्मध्यानपरायणः ॥ P. 402.

2 विशुद्धैवान्तरात्मायं कायकेसविधिं विना । निमज्जेरन्मवसीह काञ्चनामविशुद्धये ॥

actions, evil thoughts and abstention from the *Āvastyakas* or obligatory duties<sup>1</sup> destroy the efficacy of the *Proṣadha* vow.<sup>2</sup>

XIV) The third *Śikṣāvratā* is the limitation of worldly enjoyment. Enjoyment is of two kinds. Food and other objects which can be used only once are called *bhoga*, and objects such as ornaments which can be used again and again are known as *paribhoga*.<sup>3</sup> Both kinds of enjoyment should be kept within bounds to prevent 'mental obsession', and one should voluntarily practise abnegation when everything needed comes into one's possession.<sup>4</sup> Abnegation may be of two kinds, *yama* and *niyama*, the former being for life and the latter for a limited period.<sup>5</sup> Flowers and vegetables containing various living organisms, e. g., onions, Ketaki and Nimba flowers, and *Sūraṇa* roots should be forsaken for life.<sup>6</sup> One should also avoid ill-cooked and prohibited food as well as food that has come in contact with or got mixed up with living organisms, and food that has not been prepared under one's own supervision.<sup>7</sup>

XV) The fourth *Śikṣāvratā* is *dāna* or charity.<sup>8</sup> That which contributes towards one's own welfare and promotes the cultivation of the Three Jewels in others and brings relief to one's kinsmen as well as others is called *dāna*.<sup>9</sup> Some practise charity with a view to attaining bliss in the next world, others to get it in this world, and there are also those who practise charity because it is proper to do so.<sup>10</sup>

*Dāna* or charity is of four kinds, namely, gift of *abhaya* or protection, gift of food, gift of medicine and gift of sacred lore.<sup>11</sup> Of these *abhaya* is the highest gift, and the wise should always give the first place to affording protection to all living creatures.<sup>12</sup> Next comes the gift of food, and it is the duty of a householder to feed Jaina *sādhus* or holy men

1 (1) *Samāyika*, avoidance of sin leading to equanimity; (2) praise of the twenty-four Arhats; (3) *Vandanā*, homage to those having the *mūla* and *uttara-guṇas*; (4) *Pratikramana*, repentance; (5) *kāyotsarga*, cure of spiritual faults by meditation; (6) *pratyākhyāna*, determination to avoid sin.

2 अनवेक्षाप्रतिषेधनदुष्कर्मोन्मत्तदुर्मेनस्काराः । अवश्यकविरतिमुताभ्युत्थयेते विनिव्रन्ति ॥

3 यः सकृत् सेव्यते भावः स भोगो भोजनादिकः । भूषादि परिभोगः स्वात् पौनःपुन्येन सेवनात् ॥

4 परिमाणं तयोः कुर्याच्चित्तव्याप्तिनिवृत्तये । प्राप्ते योग्ये च सर्वसिद्धिच्छवा निवर्तनं भजेत् ॥

5 यमस्य निवर्तनमेति द्वौ त्याग्ये वस्तुनि स्मृतौ । यावच्चर्चीर्न यमो वेद्यः सावधिनियमः स्मृतः ॥

6 पलाण्डुकेतकीलिम्बसुमनःसुरणादिकम् । लजेदाजन्म तदुपवदुप्राणिसमाश्रयम् ॥ P. 403. Compare *Ratnakara-ṇḍa-śrāvakaśāstra* III. 39: अल्पकलबहुविधातान्मूलकमार्द्राणि हृद्भवेराणि । जवनीतनिम्बकुसुमं कैतकमित्येवमवहेयम् ॥

7 दुष्पकस्य निषिद्धस्य जन्तुसंघन्यमिजयोः । अवीक्षितस्य च प्राणसत्संस्थाक्षतिकारणम् ॥

8 यथाविधि यथादिशं यथाद्रव्यं यथागमम् । यथापानं यथाकालं दानं देयं गृहाश्रमेः ॥ P. 403.

9 आत्मनः भेदसेऽन्वेषां रक्षणयसमृद्धये । स्वपरानुग्रहाज्ज्ञेत्वं यत् स्वात्पद्मानमित्येते ॥

10 परलोकापिया कश्चित् कश्चिदैहिकचेतसां । औचित्यमनसा कश्चित् सतां निरुपव्ययक्षिणा ॥

11 अमयाहारमैवज्यद्युतयेदाहदुर्विषम् ।

12 जगत् सर्वसत्त्वानामादौ दक्षत् दुर्धीः सदा ।

according to the nine-fold canon of hospitality consisting of reception, offering of a high seat, washing of the feet, adoration, salutation, affable speech, affable manners and affable temperament, and, lastly, purity of food.<sup>1</sup> Particular attention should be paid to the quality and purity of the food, which should be seasonable and prepared at home and not brought from another locality nor purchased from the bazar.<sup>2</sup> Food that has been touched by wicked people or consecrated to gods and Yakṣas as well as offerings brought for mystic rites should not be given to the *sādhus* to eat.<sup>3</sup>

He who observes the Three Jewels, that is, the cardinal principles of Jainism, is the most deserving of those who are entitled to charity, and anything given to one who is not a follower of the Three Jewels is like seeds sown on barren soil.<sup>4</sup> In fact, charity practised in favour of those who are attached to false doctrines and wrong conduct leads to evil consequences, like the feeding of serpents with milk.<sup>5</sup> If one wishes to be charitable towards such people out of pity or from a sense of propriety, one should give them a residual portion of food to be taken away and not feed them in one's house.<sup>6</sup> Even the sight of them during the reception of Jaina holy men leads to pollution, just as even pure water is contaminated by a vessel containing poison.<sup>7</sup> One must not live or talk with or accord hospitality to Buddhists, Nāstikas, Sacrificers, ascetics wearing matted hair (*Śaivas*), *Ājivaka* mendicants and others of similar persuasion.<sup>8</sup> Conversation with people ignorant of the fundamental truths, and corrupted by evil propensities, leads only to a free fight in which the parties belabour each other with sticks and pull each other's hair.<sup>9</sup>

There are five classes of people who are entitled to hospitality: the *śamayin*, the *śrāvaka*, the *sādhu*, the *sūri* and the *śamayadīpaka*. The *śamayin* is an adherent of the Jaina faith and may be a layman or a monk. The *śrāvaka* is one who has an expert knowledge of astrology, incantations, omens and unseen things in general as well as the art of healing. The time for religious functions such as initiation, festivals and installation of idols cannot be fixed without his help, and Somadeva naively asks how the Jaina

- 1 प्रसिद्धोच्चासनपादपूजामग्न्यामवाकायमनःप्रसादाः । विधाविशुद्धिश्च नवोपचाराः कार्यो मुनीनां गृहसंभितेन ॥ P. 404.
- 2 ग्रामान्तरात् समानीतं मन्थनीतमुपायनम् । न देवमापणक्रीतं विकृतं वा यश्चतुर्कम् ॥
- 3 'न देयं दुर्जनस्पृष्टं देवयक्षादिकल्पितम् ।' .....मन्थनीतमुपायनम् ॥
- 4 तदुत्तमं भवेत् पार्श्वं यत्र रक्षत्रयं नरे । .....यत्र रक्षत्रयं नास्ति तदपार्श्वं विदुर्मुखाः । उत्तं तत्र वृथा सर्वमूपायां क्षिणाविव ॥ P. 406.
- 5 मिथ्यात्वग्रस्तचित्तेषु चारित्र्याभासाभासिषु । दोषाद्येव भवेदानं पश्यन्मानमिवादिषु ॥
- 6 काष्ण्यपादयनौचित्यासेषां किञ्चिद्विज्ञप्ति । दिष्टेदुर्द्वेषेवाहं गृहे अकिं न कर्तयेत् ॥
- 7 सत्कारादिविधावेवां दर्शनं दूषितं भवेत् । यथा विशुद्धमप्यग्नौ विषमाजनसंगमात् ॥
- 8 आश्वनास्ति कथागङ्गाजटिलजीवकादिभिः । सहावासं सहालापं तत्सेवां च विवर्जयेत् ॥
- 9 अज्ञातमनस्य चेतोश्चिद्विरागप्रमलीभूतेः । शुद्धमेव भवेद्भोक्ता दण्डादपि कृपाकृति ॥

faith will progress if one has to ask the followers of other religions for information about these matters.<sup>1</sup> The *adhu* is one who has accomplished religious austerities combined with the observation of the *Mūla* and *Uttara-guṇas*, that is, the entire range of the Jaina religious vows.<sup>2</sup> The *sūri* is the leader of society in the sphere of knowledge as well as the practice of religion, and should be worshipped like a god, since he is like a boat for crossing the ocean of existence.<sup>3</sup> The *śamaya-dīpakas* are men who advance the cause of the Jaina faith by their knowledge of the world, poetical faculties and other powers as well as eloquence and skill in disputation.<sup>4</sup>

It is useless to test the purity of monks for the purpose of giving them food: whether they are good or bad, the householder is purified by the mere act of giving.<sup>5</sup> Besides, householders are in the habit of spending money on so many things that it is not wise to consider the pros and cons of a gift too much.<sup>6</sup> The greater the merits of a monk, the greater should be the respect shown to him; but those who are wealthy should use their money, acquired through luck, to help any follower of the Jaina faith, since a monk, conforming to the standard laid down by the scriptures, may or may not be available for the purpose of charity.<sup>7</sup> The creed established by the great Jaina seers is professed by men of diverse faculties, and does not depend upon any single individual, just as a house does not rest on a single pillar.<sup>8</sup>

*Dāna* is of three kinds: *rājasa*, *tāmasa* and *sāttvika*. Charity accompanied by self-glorification, momentary, casual and lacking in conviction is known as *rājasa*.<sup>9</sup> Charity practised through the agency of servants and slaves without any respect for the recipient or familiarity with him, and without any consideration of merit, is *tāmasa*.<sup>10</sup> Charity is *sāttvika* when hospitality is spontaneous and the recipient worthy, and when the giver has certain qualities, namely, faith, contentment, reverence, knowledge, liberality, forbearance and ability.<sup>11</sup> The *sāttvika* form of charity is the best, the *rājasa* comes next, and the *tāmasa* is the worst. Somadeva says in this connection

- 1 ज्योतिर्मन्त्रनिमित्तः सुप्रथः कायकर्मसु । दीक्षायात्राप्रतिष्ठायाः क्रियास्तदिरहे कृतः । तदर्थं परपृच्छायां कथं च समयोजयति ॥ P. 407.
- 2 मूलोत्तरगुणकाव्यैस्तपोभिनिष्ठितस्थितिः । साधुः साधु मवेत् पूज्यः पुण्योपाजितपण्डितैः ॥
- 3 ज्ञानकाण्डे क्रियाकाण्डे चातुर्वर्ण्यपुरस्सरः । सूरिदेव इवाराध्यः संसाराग्धितरण्डकः ॥
- 4 लोकविस्वकर्मिस्त्वैवावदवाग्मिस्त्वकीर्तुः । मार्गप्रसावनोद्धृताः सन्तः पूज्या विज्ञेयतः ॥
- 5 मुक्तिमात्रप्रदाने हि का परीक्षा तपस्विनाम् । ते सन्तः सन्तुस्ततो वा गृही दानेन शुध्यति ॥
- 6 सर्वारम्भप्रवृत्तानां गृहस्थानां वनव्ययः । बहुवास्ति ततोऽप्यर्थं न कर्तव्या विचारणा ॥
- 7 दैवाह्वयं धनं धनैर्वैसम्यं समवाश्रिते । एको मुनिर्वैद्यस्यो न लभ्यो वा यथागमम् ॥
- 8 उच्चावचजनप्रायः समयोऽर्थं जिनेश्विनाम् । नैकस्मिन् पुरुषे तिष्ठेदेकस्तम्भ इवालयः ॥
- 9 यदात्मवर्णनप्रायः क्षणिकार्थव्यभिचरम् । परमत्ववर्त्तमानं दानं तद्वज्रसं मतम् ॥ P. 408.
- 10 पात्रापात्रसमावेक्ष्यमस्तकारमसंस्तुतम् । दासपुत्रकृतोभोगं दानं तामसमूचिरे ॥
- 11 आतिथेयं स्वयं यत्र यत्र पात्रनिरीक्षणम् । गुणाः अज्ञादयो यत्र दानं तत्र सात्त्विकं विदुः ॥

that the statement (made by Brahmanical writers) that what is given in this life is recovered by the donor in the next life<sup>1</sup> is entirely false. Cows, for instance, are in the habit of eating water and grass, but they produce milk, something quite different.<sup>2</sup>

It is the duty of householders to remedy the ills of monks and saints, which may be of three kinds: physical ailments, mental worries and external troubles such as the rigours of cold and wind.<sup>3</sup> If the laity neglect the sufferings of the monks, the latter cannot maintain their spiritual concentration, and the former will render themselves guilty of impiety.<sup>4</sup> While the monks are engaged in expounding and studying the sacred texts, they should be comforted with lodging, food, books and other amenities. The holy texts—the Aṅgas, Pūrvas, Prakīrṇas, Sūktas and the utterances of the Kevalins—would entirely become extinct, if those who know the scriptures thoroughly were to perish on account of neglect.<sup>5</sup> One should therefore help the monks to master the scriptures by sheltering and encouraging them and contributing to their joy, and by providing them with materials necessary for their study.<sup>6</sup> It should be remembered that men, capable of physical labour, for instance, the carrying of arms, are easily available, but those who are endowed with real knowledge are rare like heroes.<sup>7</sup> Knowledge alone can control the mind, like a spear controlling an elephant: without knowledge, physical labour is nothing but labour that is lost.<sup>8</sup> One who concentrates on knowledge succeeds in external austerities without any effort, but, as a matter of fact, external activities no longer take place when the soul is immersed in knowledge.<sup>9</sup> It is doubtful if a man without knowledge can destroy his *karma* even after ages, but a man who is endowed with knowledge and *yoga* is sure to destroy his *karma* in a moment.<sup>10</sup> The man whose speech is not refined by the science of words, and whose intellect is not purified by right principles, is like a blind person labouring according to the convictions of others.<sup>11</sup>

1 Cf. *Naiṣadhacarita* 5. 92—दानपात्रमधमर्णमिहैकमाहि कोटियुगितं दिवि दासि । साधुरेति सुकृतैर्यदि कर्तुं पारलौकिककुसीदमसीदत् ॥

2 यद्दत्तं तदमुत्र स्यादित्यसत्यपरं वचः । गावः पयः प्रयच्छन्ति किं न तोयतृणाशनाः ॥ P. 408.

3 शरीरमानसागन्तुव्याधिसंवापसंभवे । साधुसंबमिनां कार्यः प्रतीकारो गृहाश्रितैः ॥ P. 409.

4 मुनीनां व्याधियुक्तानामुपेक्षायामुपासयैः । असमाधिर्भवेत्तेषां स्वस्य चाधर्मकर्मता ॥ (added from MSS.)

5 सोमनसं सदाचर्यं व्याख्यत्सु च पठत्सु च । (added from MSS.) आवासपुस्तकाहारसौकर्यादिविधानकैः ॥ अङ्गपूर्वप्रकीर्णकं सूक्तं केवलिभाषितम् । नद्यैर्निर्मूलतः सर्वं भुतस्कन्धधरात्पथे ॥

6 प्रश्नोत्साहनानन्दसाध्यायोचितवस्तुभिः । श्रुतशृद्धान् मुनीन् कुर्वन्नावते भुतपारयः ॥

7 अन्धधारणवद्वाक्छेदो हि सुलभा नराः । यथार्थज्ञानसंपन्नाः सौमिरी इव दुर्लभाः ॥

8 सुनिवृज्ज्ञानमेवास्य वशायाशयदन्तिनः । तद्भूते च बहिःक्षेपः क्षेप एव परं भवेत् ॥

9 बहिःस्पृशः स्वतोऽभ्येति ज्ञानं भावयतः सतः । क्षेत्रज्ञे यथिममेऽत्र कुतः स्वरपराः क्रियाः ॥

10 यद्वह्नी युरीः कर्म बहुभिः क्षपयेत् वा । तज्ज्ञानी योगसंपन्नः क्षपयेत् क्षणतो भुवम् ॥

11 शब्दैरिहैव गीः शुद्धा वत्स शुद्धा न चीनैः । स परमत्यात् छिद्यन् भवेदन्धसमः पुमान् ॥



Somadeva mentions at the end of this section the various factors which destroy the value of charity. They are 'instructions to others' to make a gift on one's behalf, that is, lack of personal attention; jealousy at the liberality of others; lack of punctuality (in serving a guest); the practice of depositing food on sentient objects such as lotus leaves or covering it with same.<sup>1</sup>

XVI) The custom of *sallekhanā* or fasting unto death is dealt with in VIII. 45. Somadeva says that the practice is to be followed when the body is about to perish, like a dry leaf or a lamp without oil.<sup>2</sup> The hour of this last act of life comes when everyday the body loses strength and power of enjoyment, and is beyond remedy.<sup>3</sup> Self-restraint, study, austerities, worship, and charity all become useless if the mind is not pure at the last hour of life.<sup>4</sup> Just as the training of a king, who has learnt the use of weapons for twelve years, becomes useless if he faints on the battlefield; similarly the past conduct of a saint is of no avail if his mind is impure at the end.<sup>5</sup> One should renounce one's affection for friends, infatuation with riches and illwill towards enemies, and then take proper steps (that is, resort to *sallekhanā*) after confessing all sins before the head of the congregation.<sup>6</sup> Food should be gradually given up and then beverages, both sweet and pungent; and one should thereafter abstain from everything with one's mind fixed on the five Paramēṣṭhins.<sup>7</sup> There are five factors that destroy the efficacy of *sallekhanā*: the desire to live longer, the desire to die to avoid suffering, longing for friends, recollection of past happiness and the desire for happiness in the next life.<sup>8</sup>

XVII) In *Yasastilaka* VIII. 44 Somadeva interprets from the Jain point of view a number of Brahmanical terms, which illustrates certain salient features of the Jain outlook in religious matters. For instance, a *Dikṣita* is not one who kills goats and other animals in sacrifices, but one whose daily sacrifice consists in friendliness towards all creatures.<sup>9</sup> A *Śrotriya* is not one who has external purity, but one who has nothing to do with wicked deeds and wicked men, and is kindly disposed towards all creatures.<sup>10</sup> A *Hotā* is not one who kindles the external fire, but one who

1 सार्धं सचित्तनिश्चितवृत्तान्यां दानदानये । अन्योपदेशमात्सर्यवृत्तातिक्रमणक्रियाः ॥ P. 410.

2 तत्त्वकृमिव परिपक्वं केद्विहीनं प्रदीपमिव देहम् । स्वयमेव विनाशोन्मुखमवनुष्य करोतु विधिमन्त्रम् ॥ P. 413.

3 प्रतिदिनसं विजहद्वक्तुञ्जसङ्काकं लज्जत् प्रतीकारम् । वयुरेव नृणां निगिरति चरमचरित्रोदयं समयम् ॥

4 यमनियमव्याध्यायास्तपांसि देवार्चनाविधिर्दानम् । एतत् सर्वं निष्फलमवसाने चेन्मनो मलिनम् ॥

5 द्वादश वर्षाणि नृपः शिक्षितशस्त्रो रणेभ्यु यद्धि मुञ्चेत् । किं स्वात्तस्यास्त्रविषेयं तथान्ते यतोः पुराचरितम् ॥

6 केहं विहाय वन्धुषु मोहं विभवेषु कलुषतामहिते । गणितं च निवेशं निखिलं दुरीहितं तदनु भजतु विधिमुचितम् ॥

7 अशनं क्रमेण ह्येवं किञ्च पानं ततः खरं चैव । तदनु च सर्वनिवृत्तिं कुर्याद्दुष्पञ्चकस्तृप्तौ निरतः ॥

8 जीवितमरणार्थं सुखदुःखानाम् । एते समिदानाः स्युः सहेखनदानये पञ्च ॥

9 अद्रोहः सर्वसत्त्वेषु यतो बलं दिने दिने । स पुमान् दीक्षितात्मा स्वाद्य त्वनादियमाश्रयः ॥ P. 421.

10 दुष्कर्मदुर्जनास्पृशी सर्वसत्त्वहिताश्रयः । स ओषिधो भवेत् सत्त्वं न तु यो शास्त्रशौचवान् ॥

casts the fuel of good deeds in the spiritual fire with the formulas of kindness.<sup>1</sup> A Sacrificer is defined as one who adores the deity with the flowers of pure thoughts, the mansion of the body with the flowers of vows, and the fire of the mind with the flowers of forbearance.<sup>2</sup> The Veda that pleases the wise is not the one which causes the destruction of all creatures in sacrifices, but the one which clearly makes known the difference between the body and the soul.<sup>3</sup> The Threefold Lore (i. e. the Veda) is called Trayī, because it destroys the triad of birth, old age and death, the cause of transmigration.<sup>4</sup> A Brahmana is not one who is blind with the pride of birth, but one who does not destroy life, observes salutary vows, has knowledge, and is without desires and acquisition.<sup>5</sup> The true Pañcāgnisādhaka (one who performs austerities amid five fires) is he who has controlled the five fires: lust, anger, pride, deceit and greed.<sup>6</sup> Knowledge is Brahma, kindness is Brahma, and the destruction of lust is Brahma: when the soul rests securely on these, a man is called Brahmacārin.<sup>7</sup> A Paramahansa is not an ascetic who eats anything and everything like fire, but one who can (like a *hansa*, swan) distinguish between *karma* and the soul, intermingled like water and milk.<sup>8</sup>

XVIII) The 46th section of Book VIII, called Prakīrṇaka, which deals with certain miscellaneous topics, brings to a close Somadeva's elaborate discourse on the Jaina religion. It describes chiefly the six daily duties of a householder:<sup>9</sup> worship of the *deva* i. e. Jina, adoration of the teacher, *svādhyāya* or study of spiritual lore,<sup>10</sup> *tapas* or physical and mental activities leading to the purification of the soul by removing external and internal impurities,<sup>11</sup> *saṁyama* or control of the passions and the senses, and the observance of the vows,<sup>12</sup> and *dāna* or charity. Kaṣāya (passion) is derived thus (P. 416):

‘कथंति संतापयन्ति दुर्गसंगतिसंशदनेनात्मानमिति कथायाः क्रोधादयः । अथवा यथा विशुद्धस्य वस्तुनो नैवप्रोधादयः कथायाः कलुष्यकारिणः, तथा निर्मलस्यात्मनो मलिनत्वहेतुत्वात् कथाया इव कथायाः ।’

XIX) Stray allusions to Jaina tenets occur occasionally in the course of Utprekṣās and similes. For example, अनुष्यरूपेण परिणतं चर्मद्वयमिव Book I,

- 1 अभ्यात्माग्री दयामग्रेः सम्बन्धमै समिच्चवम् । यो जुहोति स होता स्वाज्ञ वाक्ताप्रिसमेधकः ॥
- 2 मावपुष्पैर्यजेदेवं व्रतपुष्पैर्वपुर्गृहम् । क्षमापुष्पैर्मनोवह्नि यः स यथा सतां मतः ॥
- 3 विवेकं वेदयेदुच्चैर्यः शरीरशरीरिणोः । स प्रीत्यै विदुषां वेदो नाखिलक्षयकारणम् ॥
- 4 जातिर्जरा मृतिः पुंसां त्रयी संवृत्तिकारणम् । यथा त्रयी यतस्तस्याः क्षीयते सा त्रयी मता ॥
- 5 अहिंसः सद्व्रततो दानी निरीहो निष्परिग्रहः । यः स्वात् स आक्षयः सत्वं न तु जातिमदान्धलः ॥
- 6 कामः क्रोधो मदो माया लोभश्चेत्यपिपञ्चकम् । येनेदं साधितं स स्वात् कृवी पञ्चाक्षितापकः ॥ P. 411.
- 7 ज्ञानं ब्रह्म दया ब्रह्म कामविनिग्रहः । सम्यग्ग्रन्थसंज्ञाया ब्रह्मचारी अवेक्षरः ॥
- 8 कर्मात्मनोर्विवेक्ता यः क्षीरनीरसमानयोः । भवेत् परमहंसोज्ज्वलं नाशिवत् सर्वमक्षयकः ॥ P. 412.
- 9 देवसेवा पुरुषास्तिः स्वाध्यायः संवमस्तपः । दानं चेति गृहस्थानां षट् कर्माणि दिने दिने ॥ P. 414.
- 10 अनुवीणागुणस्नानमार्गणास्नानकर्मसु । अभ्यात्मतत्त्वविद्यायाः पाठः स्वाध्याय उच्यते ॥
- 11 अन्तर्बहिर्बलप्रोधावात्मनः शुद्धिकारणम् । शरीरं मानसं कर्म तमः प्राहुस्तपोधनाः ॥
- 12 कथायेन्द्रियदर्शनानां विभवो व्रतपावनम् । संवमः संवतैः प्रोक्तः भवः अचिदुमिच्छताम् ॥

p. 136. This is a reference to the Sāgaradharmā, the Rule of life prescribed for the householders, and the Anagāradharmā, the Rule of life prescribed for the monks. प्रदक्षितान्तरं प्रमाणद्वितयसिब Ibid. The two Pramāṇas recognised by Jaina doctrine, Pratyakṣa and Parokṣa, are referred to. बहिःप्रकटव्यापारं शुभध्यान-  
दुष्मसिब Ibid. The two pure Dhyānas, Dharmadhyāna and Śukladhyāna (see above), are meant. नयनविषयतां गतं नयनमलसिब Ibid. A reference to the two types of Naya, the method of comprehending things from a particular standpoint. While the Pramāṇas convey the whole truth, the Nayas reveal only partial truths. Broadly speaking, they are of two kinds: *dravyārthika*, which has in view the substance in its permanent aspect, and *paryāyārthika*, which takes note of the modes of the fluctuating aspect of the substance and its qualities. नयपद्धतिरिव स्वादादस्य Book II, p. 223. Naya is also classified into five or rather seven kinds: *naigama*, the non-analytical; *saṅgraha*, the collective; *vyavahāra*, the practical; *ṛjusūtra*, the straight or immediate; and *śabda*, the verbal or nominal. *Śabda* is subdivided into *samabhirūḍha*, the subtle, and *evambhūta*, the actual.<sup>1</sup> According to Malliṣeṇa (*Syādvādamāñjarī* under verse 28), the Nyāya and Vaiśeṣika systems follow the Naigama-naya; the Advaita Vedānta and the Sāṃkhya are guided by the Saṅgraha-naya; the Cārvāka school comes under the Vyavahāra-naya; the Buddhists accept the Ṛjusūtra-naya; and the Grammarians and others take their stand on the Śabda-naya.<sup>2</sup> The method of comprehending things from such diverse standpoints is what Somadeva calls *nayapaddhati*, and the doctrine of Syādvāda, known as *saptabhaṅginaya*, is represented as being based on the Naya method.<sup>3</sup> The Syādvāda doctrine itself is set forth as follows: (1) May be, it is; (2) may be, it is not; (3) may be, it is and it is not; (4) may be, it is indescribable; (5) may be, it is and yet indescribable; (6) may be, it is not and it is also indescribable; (7) may be, it is and it is not and it is also indescribable.<sup>4</sup> The doctrine of Syādvāda is claimed to be a great synthesis comprehending all the Nayas without any distinction. Malliṣeṇa says in his *Syādvādamāñjarī* (under verse 30) that, just as disputants cease from their quarrels after resorting to an impartial judge, similarly the other Nayas, though mutually hostile, are reconciled in the system of the Arhat, their differences being smoothed over by the use of the expression *Syāt*, 'may be'.<sup>5</sup> नयनीतिरिव नयमूलासिब Book V, p. 246. This is another refe-

1 For an explanation of these terms see S. C. Vidyabhushana: *A History of Indian Logic*, p. 170, and specially Dhruva: *Syādvādamāñjarī* of Malliṣeṇa, Notes, p. 279 ff.

2 'नैगमनयदर्शनानुसारिणी नैगामिकवैशेषिकौ । संप्रहाभिप्रायप्रवृत्ताः सर्वेऽव्यवहृतवादाः सांख्यदर्शनं च । व्यवहारनयानु-  
पाति प्रायश्चावार्कदर्शनम् । कञ्चुद्विप्राकृतप्रवृत्तमुद्रवस्ताभागताः । शब्दादिनयावलम्बिनो वैयाकरणादयः ।'

3 Śrutasāgara remarks: यथा नयपद्धतिः स्वादादस्य मूलं भवति. He explains नयपद्धतिः as नैगमादिनयानां मार्गः.

4 Vidyabhushana (op. cit.), p. 167.

5 'यथा हि समीचीनं मध्यस्थं न्यायनिर्णेतारमासाद्य परस्परं विवदमाना अपि वासिनो विवादाद्विरमन्ति एवं नया अन्योन्यं  
वैराद्यमाणा अपि सर्वकृशांसनक्षुपेण सांख्यप्रयोगोपशमितमिप्रसिपत्तवः सन्तः परस्परमत्यन्तं सुहृद्भ्यावतिष्ठन्ते ।'

rence to the Nayas. A marginal note in ms. A on *navabhūmikā* says नैमाद्यः, but the ninefold classification of Naya is rather unusual. Perhaps the two broad divisions of *dravyārthika* and *paryāyārthika* and the seven varieties of Naya are meant: of these *naigama*, *saṅgraha* and *vyavahāra* come under *dravyārthika-naya*, while *vijusūtra*, *śabda*, *saṁbhirūḍha*, and *evāmbhūta* are subdivisions of *paryāyārthika-naya*. Somadeva may have in mind also the nine divisions of Naigamanaya mentioned in certain texts.<sup>1</sup>

क्षपकक्षेत्रिणिव तपःप्रत्यवायवहितक्षेत्रिणिः Book I, p. 133. The reference is to the 'ladder' known as *kṣapakaśreṇi* mentioned in connection with the fourteen Guṇasthānas or stages on the way to emancipation. There are, in fact, two ladders, *upāsama* and *kṣapaka*, for the suppression and destruction of Cāritra-mohaniya-karma or Right-Conduct-Deluding Karma, and they emerge in the eighth Guṇasthāna. Briefly speaking, the Jiva ascends the *kṣapakaśreṇi* and devotes himself to the destruction of Karma, the last vestige of Cāritra-mohaniya-karma being destroyed in the tenth Guṇasthāna, whence he passes to the twelfth Guṇasthāna.<sup>2</sup> Interesting references to *Kṣapakaśreṇi* occur in Hemacandra's *Triṣaṣṭitalākāpuruṣacaritra*, e. g. "She mounted at once the *kṣapakaśreṇi*, and, the eight Karmas being destroyed, she attained omniscience at once from the eighth Guṇasthāna." "As he was reflecting rightly in this way, having ascended the *kṣapakaśreṇi* and having attained pure meditation, omniscience becomes manifest from the destruction of the destructive Karmas, like the light of the sun from the removal of a mass of clouds."<sup>3</sup> A reference of the final stage of religious apprenticeship occurs in the following statement in Book I, p. 135:

‘जिनरूपग्रहणायोग्यत्वाच्चरमाचारवशाद्युपासकदशामाभितवदले मुनिकुमारकयुगलम्’

Śrutasāgara takes this to mean the eleventh Pratimā or stage in the life of a layman, known as *uddiṣṭatyāga-pratimā*, wherein he begs his food and refuses what is specially prepared for him. Abhayaruci and Abhayamati are described as being in this stage of religious apprenticeship, as they were too young to lead the rigorous life of Digambara monks.

References occur also to the twenty-two *Paṇṣahas*<sup>4</sup> and other miscellaneous topics. The three kinds of Karmandins or monks are mentioned in Book I,<sup>5</sup> and Śrutasāgara explains the term as referring to Ācārya, Upādhyāya and Sarvasādhū.

1 पर्यायनैगम, द्रव्यनैगम, द्रव्यपर्यायनैगम etc. See Dhruva (op. cit.), p. 298.

2 For a detailed exposition of the Guṇasthānas see Johnson's English Trans. of Hemacandra's *Triṣaṣṭitalākāpuruṣacaritra*, Vol. I, Appendix III. See also *Pravacanasaṁdodhāra* I, p. 196 ff. for a discussion of क्षपकक्षेत्रिणि.

3 Johnson's Trans. (op. cit.), pp. 197, 378.

4 'आपातदुःखैर्नैवहपरीयैरिव' Book I.

5 'त्रिविधस्त्वपि कर्मादिदृष्टव्यसोत्पादितश्रीतिः' Ibid.

## CHAPTER XI

### THE ANUPREKṢĀS AND JAINA RELIGIOUS POETRY

Jaina religious poetry, as far as it is represented in *Yasastilaka*, comprises verses on the Anupreṣās, hymns, and what may be loosely called religio-ethical verses. Of these the Anupreṣā verses are the most important not only from the standpoint of subject-matter, but on account of the place they occupy in Jaina literature and religious thought.

In order to appreciate Somadeva's treatment of the Anupreṣās, it will be convenient to explain their religious background, and enumerate the principal literary attempts to define and interpret them before and after his time. The Anupreṣās are, roughly speaking, topics of meditation, twelve in number, and cover a wide range of the cardinal teachings of Jainism. They are in the form of reflections on the transient character of things (*anityānupreṣā*), helplessness (*aśaranānupreṣā*), the cycle of rebirth (*saṃsārānupreṣā*), loneliness (*ekatvānupreṣā*), the distinction between the self and the not-self (*anyatvānupreṣā*), the impurity of the body (*aśucyanupreṣā*), the inflow of Karmas (*āśravānupreṣā*), stoppage of the inflow of Karmas (*saṃvarānupreṣā*), the shedding of Karma (*nirjarānupreṣā*), the constitution of the universe (*lokānupreṣā*), the difficulty of attaining the Right Path consisting of the Three Jewels (*bodhidurlabhānupreṣā*), and the Law expounded by the Arhat (*dharmasvākhyaṭatvānupreṣā*). It may be noted that the Anupreṣās are known also as Bhāvanās, specially in Śvetāmbara texts.

Anupreṣā means *anucintana* 'pondering', 'reflection'. Pūjyapāda in his commentary on *Tattvārthasūtra* 9. 2 explains Anupreṣā as 'pondering on the nature of the body and other substances'.<sup>1</sup> *Svāmikārtikeyānupreṣā* (verse 97) defines it as 'pondering on the right principles' (*sutacca-cintā anuppehā*). The word is used also in connection with Svādhyāya or study of sacred lore, of which *anupreṣā*, pondering on what one has learnt, is an important factor. Pūjyapāda says in his commentary on *Tattvārthasūtra* 9. 25: *adhigatārthasya manasā abhyāsaḥ anupreṣā*. The word is used in this sense also in *Uttarādhyayanāsūtra* 29. 22, wherein *anuppehā*, explained as *cintanikā* in Nemicaṇḍra's commentary, is one of the factors of *sammatta-parakkama*, 'exertion in righteousness', mitigating the power and duration of practically all the Karmas.

The Anupreṣās are designed to serve as aids to spiritual progress, produce detachment, and lead the devotee from the realm of desire to

1 'शरीरादीनां सत्त्वानुचिन्तनमुपेक्षा'

the path of renunciation. The Bhāṣya on *Tattvārthasūtra* 9. 7 says that the devotee, after reflecting on the transient character of worldly objects and relationships, loses all attachment to them: this is the purpose of *anityānuprekṣā*. He reflects on the fact that there is no escape from death and misery, and the sense of helplessness makes him indifferent to the things of the world and inclines him towards the teachings of the Arhat; this is the purpose of *asarānānuprekṣā* and so on. Similarly, Pūjyapāda, in his commentary on the same *sūtra*, says in connection with *asucitvānuprekṣā* that the body is impure, and its impurity cannot be removed by bath, perfumes, incense and other means; whereas the contemplation of Right Faith and other principles leads to absolute purity: thinking like this in all earnestness amounts to *asucitvānuprekṣā*. Thus reflecting, the devotee becomes indifferent to the body and concentrates his mind on 'crossing the ocean of births'. In this way the object of each Anuprekṣā is minutely explained, but the general purpose of the Anuprekṣās is to make the aspirant averse to the world and concentrate his mind on the Self and its emancipation. The *Marāṇasamāhi*, a Jaina canonical text, says that contemplation of the Bhāvanās, that is, the Anuprekṣās leads to *vairāgya* or disgust for the world and seems to sum up the Bhāvanās as *vairāgya-bhāvanā* (verses 636 and 688),<sup>1</sup> and describes them also as producing a strong desire for liberation (verse 571).<sup>2</sup> The idea of the Anuprekṣās being the cause of *vairāgya* is stressed also in *Mūlācāra* 8. 73;<sup>3</sup> and we are told that he who always edifies himself with their help becomes free from Karmas, and being pure, attains the Abode of Purity.<sup>4</sup> Śubhacandra in his *Jñānārṇava* 2. 5, 6 recommends the Bhāvanās for the attainment of the purity of thoughts (*bhāvasuddhi*) and the growth of *saṃvega* (desire for salvation), *vairāgya*, *yama* (self-control) and *praśama* (extinction of the passions). Hemacandra says in *Yogaśāstra* (4 40, 45, 49, 55) that one should vanquish love and hate for the attainment of mental purity which alone shows the way to *nirvāṇa*; and love and hate can be conquered by means of *saṃatva* or equanimity, which again is produced by *nirmamatva* or lack of selfish desires; and one should resort to the Bhāvanās for the purpose of cultivating *nirmamatva*. Hemacandra concludes by saying that he who ceaselessly preoccupies the mind with the Bhāvanās becomes indifferent to all objects and maintains an even attitude free from love and hate.<sup>5</sup>

1 जह जह ददम्पइणो समणो वेरग्गभावणं कुणइ । तह तह असुमं आयवहवं व सीयं खयसुवेह ॥ बारस वि भावणाओ एवं संखेवणो समत्ताओ । भावेमाणो जीओ जाओ समुवेह वेरग्गं ॥

2 'ददसंवेगकरीओ'

3 'बुद्धजणवेरग्गजणीओ'

4 अणुवेस्सहि एवं जो अत्ताणं सदा विभावेदि । सो विगदसम्बकम्भो विमलो विमलालवं ल्हदि ॥

5 भावनाभिरविभान्तमिति आवितमानसः । निर्बन्धः सर्वभावेषु समत्वमवलम्बते ॥ 4. 110.

The Anuprekṣās have other aspects as well. In *Tattvārthasūtra* 9. 2 they are mentioned among the agencies that cause Saṁvara or stoppage of the influx of Karmas, the others being Gupti, Samiti, Dharma etc. The Anuprekṣās are also brought into special connection with Dharmya-dhyāna, one of the two forms of spiritual contemplation prescribed by Jaina doctrine. In a number of verses quoted by Siddhasena in his commentary on *Tattvārthasūtra* 9. 38 the Anuprekṣās are prominently mentioned among the preliminaries to Dharmya-dhyāna.<sup>1</sup> According to Śubhacandra (*Jñānārṇava* 41. 3) the Anuprekṣās are the leading cause of Dharmya-dhyāna, and the devotee is asked to determine the nature of the Self by implanting them in his mind.<sup>2</sup> Śivārya in his *Bhagavati Ārādhanā* (verse 1714) goes one step further, and definitely recommends the contemplation of the Anuprekṣās as a sort of supplementary discipline in the stage of Dharmya-dhyāna known as Saṁsthānavicaya, consisting in meditation on the constitution of the universe according to the Jaina conception.<sup>3</sup> A similar yet different standpoint is met with in Cāmuṇḍarāya's *Cāritraśāra*. It mentions two kinds of Dharmya-dhyāna, *bāhya* and *ādhyātmika*, and classifies the latter into ten varieties including Saṁsthānavicaya, which is, however, explained as 'investigation of things as they are' (*yathāvasthū-mīmāṃsā*) and completely identified with the twelve Anuprekṣās.

The Anuprekṣās are thus viewed from different standpoints, but their wider aspect can hardly be mistaken. They are in the nature of reflections on the fundamental facts of life, and remind the devotee of the teachings of the Master on the subject of rebirth, Karma and its destruction, equanimity and self-control, the glory of the Law and the final goal. They are no doubt designed to develop the contemplative faculty of the Yogin, and may be called the starting point of *dhyāna*. But they have also a great moral significance inasmuch as they are meant to develop purity of thoughts and sincerity in the practice of religion. Kundakunda, for instance, in his *Bhāva-prābhṛta* (verse 94) exhorts the devotee to contemplate the Anuprekṣās and the twentyfive Bhāvanās, and asks: what is the use of external symbols without inner conviction?<sup>4</sup> The catholic character of the Anuprekṣās is shown by the fact that they are recommended to monks and laymen alike for contemplation (*Marṇasamāhi*, v. 571). In our work king Yaśorgha ponders on them on the eve of his abdication and retirement from the world. Somaprabha tells us in his *Kumārapālāpratibodha* that Kumārapāla, after

1 Vol. II, P. 272.

2 अनुप्रेक्षासं धर्म्यसं स्तुः सदैव निबन्धनम् । निरुद्धो विरिद्धस्य स्वस्वरूपं निरूपय ॥

3 अहं तिरिचउद्धलोप विनिष्ठादि सपञ्चय ससंठाये । इतिव अनुगदाओ अनुपेहाओ वि विनिष्ठादि ॥

4 मावहि अनुप्रेक्षाओ अवरे पणवीसभावणा भावि । आवरहिपण किं पुण बाहिरकिमेव कायवर्च ॥



receiving instruction in the twelve Bhāvanās, experienced a feeling of indifference to the world and used to reflect on them while looking after the affairs of the kingdom.<sup>1</sup> Anitagati in his *Śrāvakaśāstra* 14. 82 says in conformity with earlier texts that he who meditates on the Anuprekṣās constantly with devotion comprehends all the fundamental facts and attains liberation, after getting rid of his Karma.

The human and spiritual appeal of the Anuprekṣās accounts for their popularity, as evinced by the numerous attempts made to describe and interpret them in Prākṛit and Sanskrit verse and occasionally also in prose. A more or less extensive literature may be said to have grown up on the subject, as will be seen from the short sketch given below.

The famous Digambara authority Kundakunda, who is assigned to the beginning of the Christian era, is perhaps the earliest writer to deal with the Anuprekṣās as an independent subject, being the author of a treatise called *Bārasa Anuvekkhā*, 'The twelve Anuprekṣās', containing 91 verses in Prākṛit (Jaina Śaurasenī). The treatment here is simple yet authoritative, and has influenced later writers on the subject. Connected with this work is the account of the Anuprekṣās in *Mūlācāra* (Chap. 8) in 76 verses in Prākṛit. The work is attributed to Vaṭṭakera who is sometimes identified with Kundakunda himself.<sup>2</sup> While these may be the earliest metrical efforts to offer a systematic exposition of the Anuprekṣās, there is an exhaustive treatment of them in a canonical text called *Marāṇasamāhi*, one of the Pañṇas, which devotes 70 verses (569-639) to the Bhāvanās. While enumerating the Bhāvanās, it mentions Uttama Guṇas instead of Dharma (v. 573), obviously meaning thereby Uttama Kṣamā, Uttama Mārdava etc., being the characteristics of Dharma.

The three ancient works mentioned above are composed in a more or less similar style, and there is also occasional similarity in thought, and the subject of their inter-relationship requires critical investigation (*Mūlācāra* 8. 13; *Marāṇasamāhi*, verse 590; *Bārasa Anuvekkhā*, verse 22; *Marāṇasamāhi*, verse 588):

मिच्छन्तेणोच्छन्तो ममं मिणदेसिदं अपेक्षन्तो । ममिहदि मीमकुत्तिहे जीवो संसारकंतारे ॥  
 हा जह मोहियमहणा सुग्गहमग्गं जज्जणमाजेणं । मीमे मवकंतारे सुविरं ममियं मवकरम्मि ॥  
 मज्जो मज्जं सोवदि मदीं सि मम जाहगो सि मज्जन्तो । जज्जाणं ण हु सोवदि संसारमहज्जये हुहुं ॥  
 सोलह मज्जज्जं जज्जमवतारगं तु वाकज्जो । वदि सोवह जज्जाणं किंकिस्समानं मवससुदे ॥

1 इय वारह भाषण सुणिदि राठ, मणमज्जि विरंमियमवविदाव । दन्नु मि कुणंनु चित्त इमाउ, परिहरेमि कुणरकारणु पमाउ ॥

2 A. N. Upadhye: *Pravacanasthāna, Intro.*, p. 26.

The next important treatise to deal with the subject is *Svāmīkārṭtikeyānupreṣā* of Kārṭtikeya, who devotes the entire work of 489 verses in Prākṛit to the elucidation of the Anupreṣās. It is a work of considerable merit, but the treatment of the subject is disproportionate inasmuch as more than 350 verses deal only with Lokānupreṣā (115-283) and Dharmānupreṣā (302-486). This is due to the fact that Kārṭtikeya includes in his work many heterogeneous details not usually incorporated in the discussion of the Anupreṣās. The date of the author is not certain, but he is assigned to the early centuries of the Christian era.

A comprehensive exposition of the Anupreṣās occurs also in Śivārya's *Bhagavati Ārādhana*,<sup>1</sup> a devotional work in Śauraseni Prākṛit containing more than 2000 verses, of which (1715-1872) deal with the Anupreṣās. Śivārya is an important writer and said to be a disciple of Samantabhadra. He may be identified with Śivakoṭi who is mentioned in Jināsena's *Ādipurāṇa* 1. 49. That he is considerably earlier than the tenth century is shown by the fact that his *Ārādhana* was translated into Sanskrit verse by the wellknown writer Amitagati who flourished towards the end of the tenth century and the beginning of the eleventh. Śivārya's style is simple and lucid, and he uses a large number of interesting similes to illustrate his ideas. For example,

रतिं एकस्मिन् पुनरेतदुपनिषत्तं व संजोगो । परिवेत्तो व अणिषो इत्तरियाणावगारोगं ॥ 1720  
 धावति गिरिणदिसोदं व आडगं सन्वजीवकोगमि । सुकुमाकदा वि हावति कोने पुम्बणहछादी व ॥ 1723  
 जह आह्वयुदितं कोई वारंतओ जगे जलिय । तह कम्ममुदीरंतं कोई वारंतओ जलिय ॥ 1740  
 ससगो बाहपरद्धो विळं ति जाळण अजगरस्स मुहं । सरणं ति मणमणो मज्जुस्स मुहं जह अदीदि ॥ 1781  
 तह अण्णाणी जीवा परिद्धमाणा सुधादिवाहेहिं । अदिगण्ठंति महादुहहेदुं संसारसम्पमुहं ॥ 1782  
 सरिस्सीए चंदिगाए कालो वेस्सो पिओ जहा जुण्हो । सरिसे वि तह । चारे कोई वेस्सो पिओ कोई ॥ 1808  
 ऊँडिय रवणानि जहा रवणदीवा हरिज कट्टानि । माणुसअवे वि ऊँडिय चम्मं ओगे भिकसदि तहा ॥ 1829  
 पावपयोगासवहारणिरोओ अप्यमावकलिगेण । कीरह कलिगेण जहा जावाए जलासवणिरोओ ॥ 1837

Strings of Rūpakas are also used occasionally:

एवं पिण्डसंवरवम्भो सम्मसवाहणाकूओ । सुदणामहावणुगो ज्ञाणादितवोमवसरेहिं ॥ 1853  
 संजमरणभूमीए कम्मदिचमू पराजिणिव सव्वं । पावदि संजमओहो अणोवमं मोक्खरजसिहिं ॥ 1854

It is not known when Sanskrit verse was first employed to describe the Anupreṣās, but Somadeva's account of them in *Yasastilaka*, Book II in 53 verses composed in the Vasantatilakā metre may be regarded as one of the earliest attempt to expound them in Sanskrit instead of Prākṛit verse. His treatment of the Anupreṣās is weighty and compact and full of spiritual fervour; and his verses on the subject are unique in the sense

1 For a detailed note on the *Bhagavati Ārādhana*, see A. N. Upadhye: *Bṛhat-kathākośa* Intro. pp. 50 ff.

that they are composed by a writer who is not only a learned theologian but a religious poet of no mean order.

Far more comprehensive in treatment and simpler in style is the exposition of the Anuprekṣās in Śubhacandra's *Jñānārṇava*, which calls them Bhāvanās and devotes more than 190 verses to the subject. Śubhacandra may be assigned to about the eleventh century, and his *Jñānārṇava* is an authoritative work on Yoga.<sup>1</sup> Although the author disclaims poetical pretensions (1. 19), he handles Sanskrit verse with remarkable felicity and sometimes employs elaborate metres. The following verses from the section on Anitya-bhāvanā will illustrate his style:

वीचते यत्र सानन्दं पूर्वाह्ने ललितं गृहे । तस्मिन्नेव हि मध्याह्ने सदुःखमिह स्थते ॥  
नगनगरकल्पं संगमं बलुभानां जलदपटलतुल्यं यौवनं वा धनं वा ।  
सुजनसुतकरीरादीनि विद्युच्चलानि क्षणिकमिति समस्तं विद्धि संसारवृत्तम् ॥

Śubhacandra concludes his exposition with an eloquent verse in praise of the Bhāvanās:

एता द्वादशभावनाः खलु सखे सख्योऽपवर्गधियस्तथाः संगमलालसैर्घटयितुं मैत्रीं प्रयुक्ता बुधैः ।  
एतासु प्रगुणीकृतासु नियतं सुकलङ्कना जायते सानन्दा प्रणयप्रसन्नहृदया योगीश्वरानां मुदे ॥

Amitagati, whose *Subhāṣitaratnasāndoha* and *Dharmaparikṣā* are wellknown works, wrote also a *S'rāvakācāra* 'Duties of laymen', of which the fourteenth chapter deals with the Anuprekṣās in 84 verses composed in a variety of metres (Rathoddhatā, Dodhaka, Upajāti, Puṣpitāgrā, Vasantatilakā etc.). The following verses may serve as specimens:

यौवनं नगनदीस्ययौवमं शारदाम्बुदविलासजीवितम् ।  
स्वप्नलक्षधनविभ्रमं धनं स्थावरं किमपि नास्ति तत्त्वतः ॥ 14. 1  
पातकमाश्रयति स्थिररूपं संवृत्तिमात्मवतां न यतीनाम् ।  
वर्मचराच्च नरान् रणरङ्गे कापि भिनत्ति शिलीमुखजालम् ॥ 14. 53

Vādibhasimha, who flourished in the early years of the eleventh century and wrote the poem *Kṣatracūdāmaṇi* and the prose romance *Gadyacintāmaṇi*, devotes more than fifty verses to the Anuprekṣās in the former work (11. 28-80). The verses are rather pedestrain in style and composed in the Sloka metre. In the last verse the Self is exhorted to have abiding faith in the exquisitely pure Jaina religion:

तवात्मन्नात्मनीनेऽस्मिन् जैनधर्मेऽतिलिर्मले । स्ववीचसी रुचिः खेयादा मुक्तेर्मुक्तिदायिनी ॥

After Vādibhasimha we may mention Hemacandra, who flourished in the twelfth century. He deals with the Anuprekṣās, called by him

1 Śubhacandra wrote between 959 A. D., the date of composition of *Yasastilaka*, which is quoted by him in *Jñānārṇava*, and 1227 A. D., the date of one of the manuscripts of his work. See Chap. I and Pt. Nathuram Premi's *Jaina Sāhitya aurā Itihāsa* p. 440.

Bhāvānā, in his *Yogasāstra* 4. 55-110, besides devoting a large number of supplementary verses (*antaraslokaḥ*) to the topic in his own commentary on the work. There are, for instance, only three main verses in the text on Saṃsāra-bhāvanā, while there are 90 supplementary verses in the *svopajña* commentary, containing an imaginative description of the grief and despair of the gods at the prospect of their fall from heaven (vv. 69-89). The following striking verse also occurs in the commentary (Verse 53, op. cit.):

आम्हेसवे मातृपुत्रसादृश्ये तदानीमुक्तः । इदभावे सुतपुत्रो मूर्खो नास्तमुक्तः कथितः ॥

Hemacandra eloquently describes the universal discipline and equilibrium maintained by the sustaining power of Dharma in the verses on Dharma-svākhyāta-bhāvanā (4. 96 ff.):

आह्लादयति नामोचिराभासयति चाम्बुदः । यस्मिन्हीनं प्रभावोऽयं ध्रुवं धर्मस्य केवलः ॥

न उच्यतेनक्तदिवसं न दूर्ध्वं नाति नास्तिकः । जघिन्त्यसहिमा तत्र धर्मं पृथ निबन्धनम् ॥ etc.

After Hemacandra comes Siddhasena Sūri who wrote his Sanskrit commentary on Nemicaandra's Prākṛit work *Pravacanasaṃroddhāra* in 1192 A. D.<sup>1</sup> In this commentary Siddhasena devotes more than 130 verses to the Bhāvanās, some of them being composed in elaborate metres. Siddhasena's exposition is not without literary merit, as will be seen from the following specimens:

सुमतिरमतिः श्रीमानश्रीः सुखी सुखवर्जितः सुतनुतनुः स्वाम्यस्वामी मिथः स्फुटममिथः ।

दुपतिरदुपः स्वर्गी तिर्थं नरोऽपि च नारकस्तदिति बहुधा नृत्यस्यसिन् मयी भवनाटके ॥

यत् प्रोद्गममदान्बलसिन्धुरचटं साज्जाज्जमासाधते यत्तिःशेषज्जममोदजनकं संपद्यते वैभवम् ।

यत् पूर्णेन्दुसमधुतिर्गुणगणः संप्राप्यते यत् परं सौभाग्यं च विजृम्भते तदुत्तिकं धर्मस्य लीलावितम् ॥

Among later accounts of the Anupreṣās one of the most noteworthy is that of Āśādhara in his *Anagāradharmāmṛta* 6. 57-82. He wrote this work about the middle of the thirteenth century and added to it a *svopajña* commentary after the manner of Hemacandra. He employs elaborate metres, and a good specimen of his style is furnished by the following verse on the rarity of Bodhi or the attainment of the Right Path.

दुष्प्रापं प्राप्य रत्नजवमलिकजगत्सारमुत्सारयेयं नो चेत् प्रज्ञापराधं क्षणमपि तद्वरं विप्रकथ्योऽक्षयूतैः ।

तत् किंचित् कर्म कुर्वा ननुभवमवच्छेदसंज्ञेयसंविद्योभेदिन्देय वार्तामपि न पुनरनुमाननात्माः कुतस्तथाः ॥

A brief but interesting exposition of the Bhāvanās in Apabhramśa verse is found in Somaprabha's *Kumārapālāpratibodha* written in 1184 A. D.<sup>2</sup> on the conversion of King Kumārapāla of Gujarat to Jainism and his instruction in that religion by Hemacandra. The work is written in Prākṛit, but certain

1 The date is mentioned at the end of the work: करिस्तानरविसंख्ये श्रीविजयनृपतिवत्सरे चैत्रे ।

पुनार्कदेवे शुक्लपक्षा द्वादश्याः समाप्तौ ॥ The Vikrama Samvat is 1246.

2 Winternitz: *History of Indian Literature*, Vol. II, p. 571.

portions are in Sanskrit and in Apabhramśa, among them the verses on the Bhāvanās towards the end of the third chapter. The following two verses are cited as specimens :

रावा वि रंङु सवणो वि सतु	जणमो वि तणठ जणणि वि ककणु ।
इह होइ नहु एव कुक्कमवंतु	संसाररणि बहुसुनु जंतु ॥
एकहउ पावइ जीवु जम्मु	एकहउ मरइ विडसकम्मु ।
एकहउ परमवि सहइ दुक्कु	एकहउ धम्मिण कहइ सुक्कु ॥

We are not concerned with the various comments on the Anuprekṣās in prose, but it may be pointed out that they are elaborately expounded in the Bhāṣya on *Tattvārthasūtra* 9. 7 and Pūjyapāda's commentary thereon. The Anuprekṣās are dealt with in detail also in Cāmuṇḍarāya's *Cāritrasāra* written in prose in the eleventh century.<sup>1</sup> This account is based on that of Pūjyapāda who is sometimes copied verbatim, but the description of the Āsraṇanuprekṣā is interesting as containing a reference to the story of Yaśodhara and Amṛtamati. A detailed interpretation of the Anuprekṣās is found also in Brahmadeva's commentary on Nemicandra Siddhāntacakravartin's *Dravyasaṃgraha* (verse 35). Brahmadeva has been assigned to the thirteenth century.<sup>2</sup>

Despite the extent of the literature on the Anuprekṣās, we do not find in it much originality of thought, as the prevailing characteristics of the various literary attempts to deal with them are rather elaboration and illustration designed to elucidate the cardinal teachings of the Jaina faith. Every writer on the subject seeks to express himself in as striking a manner as possible; and both in point of style and ideas Somadeva's exposition ranks high among the metrical compositions on the twelve Anuprekṣās. Most of his verses on them are translated below.

#### 1. ANITYĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Transient Character of Things)

उत्सृज्य जीवितजलं बहिरन्तरेते दिक्का विस्रान्ति मरुतो जलचक्रकल्पाः ।

एकोद्यमे जरति दूति महत्पणौ च सर्वकवः पुनरयं वसते कृतान्तः ॥

These (five) life-breaths draw the water of life, like a water-wheel, and leaving it outside, enter the body empty.<sup>3</sup> Death, the destroyer of all, acts with equal effort on old and young, great and small (2. 105).

1 Winternitz: *History of Indian Literature*, p. 387.

2 A. N. Upadhye: *Paramātmaprakāśa*, Introduction, p. 72.

3 The process of breathing is represented as a sort of gradual exhaustion of the vital force, bringing death nearer and nearer.

उच्चैः परं गच्छति जन्तुमण्डः पुनस्तं कालेव रेणुनिर्गमं ययका विभूतिः ।  
आत्मव्यतीतं जयसा यन्निष्पुलाव ताः सूतवत् करगता अपि विभ्रवन्ते ॥

Unstable Prosperity raises a man high and brings him low again, as a whirlwind does a heap of dust. People strive hard for the pleasure afforded by lovely women, but the latter slip away, like mercury, even when securely possessed (2. 107).

धूर्तं विनीतमिव सज्जनवत् कुलीनं विद्यामहान्तमिव धार्मिकमुत्सृज्यती ।  
विमताजवरप्रसवभूमिरिव हि लोकं लक्ष्मीः सलक्षणसखी कलुषीकरोति ॥

The goddess of wealth forsakes the valiant and the humble, the good and the highborn, the learned and the pious. A moment's friend, like a villain, she is a source of the fever of anxiety and corrupts the world (2. 108).

वाचि भ्रुवोर्दक्षि गतावकावलीषु वासां मनः कुटिकतास्तटिनीतरङ्गाः ।  
अन्तर्न ज्ञान्त इव दृष्टिपथे प्रवाताः कल्पाः करोतु सरलाक्षरकायताक्षीः ॥

Who can render women sincere, women with large and nimble eyes? The crookedness of their minds seems to overflow their hearts, like the waves of a river, and comes into view in their words, eyebrows and eyes, in their gait, and in the curls of the hair (2. 109).

संहारबद्धकबलस्य यमस्य कोके कः पश्यतोहरविधेरवधिं प्रयातः ।  
यस्माज्जगत्त्रयपुरीपरमेष्ठरोऽपि तन्नाहितोद्यमगुणे विधुरावधानः ॥

Who in the world hath ever passed beyond the range of Death that acts like a robber, ready to clutch and destroy? Even Jina, the overlord of all the three worlds, is powerless against Death when the latter exerts himself (2. 110).

इत्थं क्षणक्षयदुताशामुले पतन्ति वस्तूनि वीक्ष्य परितः सुकुली यथात्मा ।  
तत् कर्म किंचिदनुसर्तुमयं यत्नेन यस्मिन्नसौ नयनगोचरतां न याति ॥

Thus seeing on all sides the things falling into the destructive fire of Death, the virtuous self-restrained man should strive to pursue that line of conduct wherein Death appears nevermore (2. 111).

## 2. AŚĀRANĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on one's Helplessness)

दृष्टोदयेऽर्थमिच्छये हृदये लक्षार्थे सर्वैः समाहितमतिः पुरतः समाक्षे ।  
जाते स्वपायसमयेऽभ्युपतौ पतन्नेः पोतादिव हुतवतः शरणं न तेऽस्ति ॥

When thy wealth is on the increase and thy heart bent on spending,<sup>1</sup> everybody stands to attention before thee. But, like a bird flying from a ship on the sea, thou hast none to save thee at the hour of death (2. 112).

जन्तुमण्डैः सुमटकोटिभिरासवर्गैर्मन्त्राक्षतप्रविधिभिः परिरक्ष्यमाणः ।  
जन्तुर्बलादधिबकोऽपि कुलान्तदूतैराणीकते यमवकाशं वराक एकः ॥

1 Śrutasaṅgāra says 'लक्षार्थे जनकार्ये हृदये चित्ते वर्तमाने सति'.

Even when a man is stronger than an army, being protected by multitudes of kinsmen, millions of warriors, and trusty followers with all the resources of counsel, arms and troops, he is brought under the sway of Death by the latter's messengers—miserable and all alone (2. 113).

संसीदतस्तत्र न जातु समस्ति शाखा त्वत्तः परः परमबाह्यसममोदेः ।

तस्मां स्थिते त्वयि यतो दुरितोपतापसेनेयमेव सुविधे विपुलाश्रया स्वात् ॥

Good-natured one, once thou hast attained the full measure of Bodhi (right knowledge, conduct and faith), thou hast verily no protector other than thyself in thy ills. The army of Sins and Sufferings is helpless so long as thou art devoted to Bodhi (2. 114).

### 3. SAMSĀRĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Cycle of Transmigration)

कर्मापितं कमगतिः पुरुषः शरीरमेकं स्वजन्मपरमात्मजते भवत्यथै ।

सैक्ययोविदिष संसृतिरेतमेवा नाना विदम्बयति चित्रकरीः प्रपञ्चैः ॥

In the ocean of existence, the transmigrating soul leaves one body, the result of Karma, and resorts to another. The cycle of existence, like an actress, deludes the soul with many a marvellous show (2. 115).

दैवादनेष्वविगतोऽपि पटुर्न कायः काये पटौ न पुनरायुरवाप्तिसम् ।

इत्थं परस्परवृत्तात्मभिरात्मधर्मैर्लोकं सुदुःखयति जन्मकरः प्रवन्धः ॥

When by chance wealth is acquired, health is absent. When there is health, longevity attended by wealth is lacking. Thus the process of birth and rebirth inflicts misery on the world with its mutually contradictory attributes (2. 116).

आक्षां भवान्तरविधौ सुविपर्ययोऽयमत्रैव जन्मनि मृणामधरोक्षभावः ।

अक्षयः पृथुः पृथुरपि क्षणतोऽस्य एव स्वामी भवत्यनुचरः स च तत्पदार्हः ॥

Let alone the mighty ups and downs in the births to follow; even in this life men are subject to rise and fall. The small becomes great and in a moment the great becomes small. The master becomes servant and the latter attains the former's rank (2. 117).

वैश्वस्यमिथमनुभूय भवान्पुराशोरावहवाहवविदम्बितजन्मवारेः ।

को नाम जन्मविषयादपपुष्पकल्पैः स्वं मोहयेन्मृगच्छां कृतधीः कटाक्षैः ॥

Thus realising the varied moods of the ocean of existence, whose waters, to wit, the creatures, are oppressed by the submarine fire of deadly disease, what wise man will let himself be bewitched by fair women's glances that seem to be the flowers of the poison tree of life ? (2. 118)

### 4. EKATVĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on one's Loneliness)

एकस्वमाविशसि जन्मनि संक्षये च भोक्तुं स्वयं स्वकृतकर्मफलाजुबन्धम् ।

अन्मो न जातु सुखदुःखविधौ सहायः स्वाजीवनाय मिलितं विदपेटकं ते ॥



Thyself thou undergoest birth and death, all alone, to suffer the consequences of thy own deeds. Thou hast no companion in happiness or misery. Only a crowd of parasites gathers round thee to make their living (2. 119).

वाक्: परिग्रहविरहितं दृग्मात्रं देहोऽयमेति न समं सहस्रमवोऽपि ।

किं प्राप्नोति स्वनिर्जं क्षणक्षणेदेवरात्मजद्विजमभिरमोद्भासैः ॥

Let alone thy external possessions, even the body, coeval with thee, will not accompany thee at death. Why dost thou suffer evermore from such fetters of delusion as wife and children and wealth and home, appearing and disappearing in a moment? (2. 120).

संशोच्य शोकविवशो दिवसं तमेकमन्वेष्टुरादरपरः स्वजनसत्वार्ये ।

कायोऽपि भस्म भवति प्रवयाधितासौः संसारवन्त्रवदिकाघटने स्वमेकः ॥

Whelmed with grief, thy relatives will mourn thy death only a day, but on the morrow they will be eager only for thy wealth, and the body will be reduced to ashes by the flames of the funeral pyre. Alone thou pliest the water-wheel of life! (2. 121).

एष स्वयं तमचलैर्बन्धु कर्मजालैर्लुलेव वेष्टयति नष्टमतिः स्वमेकः ।

पुण्यात् पुनः प्रज्ञमत्तन्मुक्तावकम्बलद्वाम धावति विधूतसमस्तबाधम् ॥

Alone and erring, verily a sentient being is enmeshed, like a spider, in the rigid network of Karma, of his own free will. But by dint of religious merit he advances to that state of bliss, free from all pain, threading his way with the aid of spiritual calm (2. 122).

##### 5. PRTHAKTVĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Distinction between the Body and the Self)

देहात्मकोऽहमिति चेत्तसि मा कृयास्त्वं स्वतो यतोऽस्य वपुषः परमो विवेकः ।

स्वं धर्मसर्ववसतिः परितोऽवसायः कायः पुनर्जयतया गतबीलिकायः ॥

Never imagine that thou art composed of the body, because the body is utterly different from thee. Thou art all consciousness, an abode of virtue and bliss; whereas the body, because it is inert, is an unconscious mass (2. 123).

जासीदसि त्वयि सति प्रतनोति कायः कान्ते तिरोभवति भूपवनादिरूपैः ।

भूतात्मकस्य भूतवच्च भूतादिभावसत्त्वात् कृती करणतः पृथगेव जीवः ॥

The body exists and grows so long as thou art in existence. When thou art dead, it disappears in the form of earth, air and the like. Composed of the elements, it is devoid of feelings such as joy, like a corpse. Hence the blissful self is surely different from the body (2. 124).

सागन्धमन्वाद्यमनादिमनस्तत्त्वकिमुत्थोत्थितं निरुपलेपगुणं प्रकृत्या ।

कृत्वा जहाज्यमिदं पुरुषं समुद्राः संतापयन्ति रसवदुरितामयोऽमी ॥

The Self is by nature deathless and without any beginning, endowed with bliss and infinite power, and luminous and pure. The powerful flames of sinful Karma heat it, like mercury, after lodging it in the body (2. 125).

कर्मासक्तवानुभवनात् पुरुषः परोऽपि प्राप्नोति पातमशुभासु भवावनीषु ।  
तस्मात्तयोः परममेवविदो विदग्धाः श्रेयस्तदादधतु यत्र न जन्मयोगः ॥

Under the intoxicating power of Karma, even a man of superior merit goes reeling down to unhappy births. So let the wise, who know the cardinal difference between the body and the Self, strive for the bliss that is free from rebirth (2. 226).

#### 6. AŚUCITVĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Impurity of the Body)

आधीयते यदिह वस्तु गुणाश्च कान्तं काये तदेव मुहुरेवपिचमाम्ब ॥  
छायाप्रतारितमनिर्मेकरन्ध्रबन्धं किं जीव काकवसि भङ्गुरमेतदङ्गम् ॥

Whatever is beautiful becomes unclean in a moment, when applied to the body to lend it charm. Deluded by the complexion, why dost thou, o soul, cherish this perishable frame, beset with cavities of dirt? (2. 127).

योषिन्निराहतकरं कृतमण्डनश्रीर्यः कामचामररुक्षितश्च केशपाशः ।  
तोऽयं त्वयि अचणगोचरतां प्रयाते श्रेतावनीषु वनवाससवासगोऽभूत् ॥

This thy look of hair, beautiful as the fly-whisk of the god of love, and elegantly dressed by ladies with careful hands, will, on thy death, find itself in the haunt of wild ravens on cremation-grounds! (2. 128).

अन्तर्बहिर्घृदि भवेद्गुप्यः शरीरं देवास्तदानुभवनं ननु दूरमास्ताम् ।  
कौतूहलादपि यदीक्षितुमुत्सहेतु कुर्वाणदाभिरतिमत्र भवान्कारोरे ॥

If by any chance the interior of the body were visible outside, and thou couldst bring thyself to look at it even out of curiosity, contact being out of the question, then thou wouldst indeed delight in the body! (2. 129).

तस्माच्चित्तसर्गमलिनादपि रुग्णवत्तथाः क्रीनासकेलिनवातविषोऽधिराव ।  
कायादतः किमपि तत् फलमर्जयन्तु यस्यादनन्तमुत्तमसत्यविभूतिरेवा ॥

So let men, having learnt the truth even from the body, unclean by nature, and without taking thought of death, attain before long that inexpressible goal which yields a rich harvest of infinite joy! (2. 130).

#### 7. ĀSRĀVĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Influx of Karma)

अन्तः कथापकलुषोऽशुभयोगसंगात् कर्माण्युपाजयति बन्धनिवन्धनानि ।  
रज्जुः करेणुवशागः करटी वधैतास्त्वं जीव शुद्ध तद्विमलि दुरीहितानि ॥

With thy heart contaminated by passions, thou dost acquire Karma, the cause of bondage, owing to thy assiduity in evil activities; just as an elephant forgetting himself in the company of his mate, earns for himself the ropes that bind him. Renounce, therefore, o sentient being, all thy misdeeds (2. 131).

संकल्पकल्पसंसर्गसंभवात्सदीर्घं चेतो निमज्जति मनोरथसागरेऽकिम् ।

तन्नाथैतत्तव चकारि न किंचनापि पक्षे परं भवति कश्चनसंसर्गवत्स ॥

Thy heart is submerged in the ocean of desire, because it clings to the all-giving tree of imagination. Thou dost thereby gain really nothing, but only followest the path to sin (2. 132).

शेषं विमृतिषु मनोवितसंभवाणां चक्षुर्मेवतव निजार्तिषु मोघवाञ्छम् ।

पापामास्य परमेव भवेद्विभूत कामात् कुतः सुकृतदूरवतां हितानि ॥

Thy mind, o fool, absorbed in its hankerings and frustrated in its desires, jealously contemplates the splendour of the objects of desire, but only paves the way to sin. How can those who are remote from virtue acquire joys by merely yearning for them? (2. 133).

दौर्बिध्यदग्धमनसोऽन्तरपातमुकेक्षितं यथोहसति ते स्फुरितोत्तरङ्गम् ।

अस्मि स्फुरेद्यदि तथा परमात्मसंज्ञे कीतस्कुती तव भवेद्विकला प्रसूतिः ॥

Thy birth would never be futile, if thy heart delighted in the Light called the Supreme Self,<sup>1</sup> in the same way as it cheers up, heaving with the waves of desire, when thou thinkest of imaginary pleasures, thy mind consumed by penury (2. 134).

#### 8. SĀMVARĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Stoppage of the Influx of Karma)

बाणच्छतोऽभिनवकर्मणरेणुराशेर्जीवः करोति यद्वस्सलनं वितम्बः ।

सत्तत्त्वचामरधरैः प्रणिधानहस्तैः सन्तो विदुस्मिह संवरमात्मनीनम् ॥

The watchful Soul stops the oncoming dust of ever-new Karmas, with the helping hand of meditation, upholding the banner of right doctrines. The good in the world call this *samvara* (stoppage) that benefits the soul (2. 135).

वीर्यप्रसंधिरवधीरितनीरपूरः पोतः सस्वितिमपैति नद्यावपावः ।

जीवत्वाया क्षपितपूर्वतमःप्रतानः क्षीणास्रवश्च परमं पदमाशयेत ॥

Like as a boat without holes and joints safely traverses the ocean, defying the surge of waters; similarly, the soul, with the expanse of earlier Karma destroyed, and the influx of new ones stopped, reaches the Supreme Goal (2. 137).

#### 9. LOKĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Universe)

मध्याधरोर्ध्वरचनः पवनत्रयान्तस्तुल्यः स्थितेन जघनस्वकरेण पुंसा ।

एकस्थितिस्तव निकेतनमेव लोकस्तत्त्वमिदानींजठरोऽप्रमिदण्णमोक्षः ॥

Composed of the upper, the middle and the lower regions, and bounded by

1 For the Jaina idea of the *paramātman* see Chap. X.

the three atmospheres<sup>1</sup>, and surmounted by the abode of liberated souls, the universe resembles a man in standing posture (with outstretched legs), with the hands resting on the hips. Ever in the same position, it is thy abode, its womb filled with living creatures<sup>2</sup> (2. 138).

त्वं कस्मदावृतमतिनिर्दये तिरस्त्रि पुण्योचितो दिशि नृषु द्वयकर्मयोगात् ।

दृष्टं निपीदसि जगत्त्रयमन्दिरेऽस्मिन् स्वैरं प्रचारविषये तव लोक एव ॥

When thy mind is beset with sin, thou art born in hell, or as some lower animal. Thou art born in heaven, when thou hast religious merit, and among mankind as a result of virtue and sin. Thus thou livest in the three worlds. The universe exists for thy wanderings at will (2. 140).

अत्रास्ति जीव न च किंचिदमुक्तमुक्तं स्थानं त्वया निखिलतः परिशीलनेन ।

तत् केवलं विगलिताखिलकर्मजाकं स्पृष्टं कुतूहलधियापि न जातु धाम ॥

No place is there in the entire universe, o soul, which thou hast not repeatedly enjoyed and left.<sup>3</sup> But not even out of curiosity hast thou ever approached the place whence all Karma is banished (2. 141).

#### 10. NIRJARANUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on the Shedding of Karma)

आपातन्मरचनैर्विरसावसानैर्जन्मोद्भवैः सुखकवैः स्वलितान्तरङ्गः ।

दुःखापुष्पङ्गकरमजितवान् वदेनस्तत्वं सहस्र इतजीव नवप्रयातम् ॥

Suffer, o miserable being, the consequences of the pain-bringing, ever-new sins thou hast committed, led astray by the pleasures of life, charming in the beginning and unpleasant at the end (2. 142).

काकुत्स्थयेषि यदिह स्वयमात्मकामो जागर्षि तत्र ननु कर्म पुरातनं ते ।

योऽहिं विवर्धयति कोऽपि विमुग्धबुद्धिः स्वलोदयाव स नरः प्रवरः कथं स्यात् ॥

Verily it is due to thy ancient Karma that thou, with desire inbred in thee, makest thyself impure in this life. How can the fool that nourishes a serpent achieve his own success? (2. 143).

आतङ्कपावकक्षिताः सरसावलेखाः स्वस्ये मनास्मान्ति ते लघु विस्मरन्ति ।

तत्काळजातमतिविस्फुरितानि पञ्चाजीवान्यथा यदि भवन्ति कुतोऽग्रिदं ते ॥

Thou sentient being, when thy mind is a little at ease, the keenly felt flames of suffering are quickly forgotten. But if the resolve (to practise virtue), taken at the moment of suffering, is subsequently kept in mind, how can sorrow ever be thine? (2. 144).

1 घनवात (gross air), अम्बुवात (vapour), and तनुवात (thin air). See *Tattvārthasūtra* 3. 1 and Pūjyapāda's comm. thereon. Also Jaini's trans. and notes.

2 Śubhacandra gives another picture of the universe according to the Jain conception in his *Jñānārava* (Lokabhāvanā): वेष्टितः पवनेः प्रान्ते महावेगेनैरावलेः । त्रिमिश्रियुवनाकीर्णो लोकः साकल्यरहितः ॥ x x जपो वेदात्मनाकारो मध्ये साक्षाच्छरीरिभिः ॥ सुदृक्सदृशभावे साक्षित्वं स जपसम्पदः ॥

3 i. e. in the course of transmigration.

## 11. DHARMĀNUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on Dharma or Religious Virtue)

अज्ञानिर्लभिरपभूतबहिःसमीहसात्वावसावसल्लिङ्गाहितमूढबन्धः ।

आत्मावमात्मनि तनोति फलद्वयार्थं धर्मं तमाहुरमुतोपमसत्त्वमाप्ताः ॥

Intent on faith, and discarding external activities, the Self, desirous of the twin results, heaven and salvation, cultivates within itself Dharma (Religious Virtue), laying its foundation with the water of the knowledge of the fundamental principles. The wise call Dharma a plant with the properties of nectar (2. 145).

मैत्रीदयादमशमागमनिर्द्वानां बाह्येन्द्रियप्रसरवर्जितमानसानाम् ।

विद्याप्रभाप्रहृतमोहमहाप्रहाणां धर्मः परापरफलः सुखमो नराणाम् ॥

Religious virtue, productive of salvation as well as worldly joys, can easily be attained by men who delight in the exercise of good will, kindness, self-control and forbearance; whose minds are free from sensual cravings; and who have destroyed the spectre of ignorance with the light of knowledge (2. 146).

इच्छाः फलैः कलुषति प्ररुणद्भि बाधाः सुष्टेरसात्मविभुरभ्युदवादिभिर्धः ।

ज्योतीर्वि दूतयति चारमसमीहितेषु धर्मैः स शर्मनिधिरस्तु सतां हिताय ॥

A treasure-house of bliss, may Dharma confer benefit on the good! It crowns one's desires with success and wards off all evils and yields unrivalled power over the creation by reason of its vouchsafing prosperity and other results. It sends forth the Lights of supersensuous knowledge as messengers to evoke the aspirations of the Self! (2. 147).

देहोपहारकुतपैः स्वपरोपतापैः कृत्वाऽश्वरेश्वरमिषं विदुलम्बनीयाः ।

धर्मैर्विणो य इह केचन मान्द्यमाज्जले जातजीवितविधौ विषमापिबन्ति ॥

Unintelligent men, who desire to attain Dharma, by worshipping Śiva with vociferous texts,<sup>1</sup> recommending animal sacrifices and causing suffering to their own followers and others, are fools that take poison with the idea of preserving their lives (2. 148).

येऽन्यत्र मन्त्रमहिमेक्षणमुग्धबोधाः धर्मैर्विणः पुनरतः शिवतां गृणन्ति ।

ते नापि तारणदत्तो दण्डोऽथकम्बु दुष्पारमभ्युचिजलं परिकल्पयन्ति ॥

Those of other faiths, who are befooled by the sight of the efficacy of mystic formulas, and adore Śiva and declare salvation to be his gift, are men who seek to traverse the impassable waters of the ocean by supporting themselves on blocks of stone, fancying that they are crossing by boats (2. 149).

1 Śrutasaṅgāra says in his commentary कृतवास्तुर्वापि नैरवयवानि इत्यनेनैः-

अज्ञस्य शक्तिरसमर्थविधेर्निबोधसौ चाक्षरेरियमम् तुदती न किञ्चित् ।  
अन्धाग्निहीनहस्तवाञ्छितमानसानां दृष्टा न जातु हितवृत्तिरनन्तराया ॥

The strength of one who lacks knowledge and the knowledge of one who is unable to act as well as the strength and knowledge of one who has no faith accomplish nothing, because the lack of faith renders knowledge and strength futile. The salutary endeavour of the blind or the lame or those who have lost all hope hath never been seen to be free from obstacles (2. 151.).

चार्या रक्षौ तदुचिताचरणे च दृग्णां दृष्टार्थसिद्धिरगदादिनिषेवणेषु ।  
तस्मात् परापरफलप्रदधर्मेकामाः सन्तस्तथावगमनीतिपरा भवन्तु ॥

Men are seen to attain their object in acts like the taking of medicine for health, when they have right knowledge and faith and observe the right procedure. So let the good, who aspire after Dharma that gives worldly happiness and final release, devote themselves to the way of realising the triad of right knowledge, conduct and faith (2. 152).

## 12. BODHYANUPREKṢĀ

(Thoughts on Bodhi or the Acquisition of Three Jewels)

संसारसागरमिमं जमता नितान्तं जीवेन मानवभवः समवापि देवाश्च ।  
तत्रापि बहुवनमान्यकुले प्रसूतिः सत्संगतिश्च तदिहान्धकवर्तकीयम् ॥

Unceasingly wandering on the ocean of transmigration, a sentient creature is born as a human being by chance. Even then birth in a family respected by the world and association with the good are as rare as the coming of a quail within a blind man's grasp (2. 153).

कुच्छ्राद्धान्स्पतिगतेश्च्युत एव जीवः शत्रेषु कष्टमपवशेन पुनः प्रयाति ।  
तेभ्यः परस्परविरोधिमृगप्रसूतावस्थाः पशुप्रतिनिधेषु कुमानवेषु ॥

Released from birth in the plant world, after much suffering, a sentient being is again born in the hells on account of his sins, then in the genus of animals, mutually hostile, and then again among uncouth men resembling animals (2. 154).

संसारवज्रमुदयास्तवटीपरीतं सातानतामसगुणं श्रुतमाचितोदैः ।  
इत्थं अनुर्तिसरित्परिवर्तमभ्यमावाहयेत् स्वकृतकर्मफलानि भोक्तुम् ॥

Thus, in order to reap the consequences of one's deeds, one has to ply the water-wheel of transmigration, bounded by the vessels of prosperity and adversity, and overflowing with the waters of suffering, and furnished with the expansive cords of sin, with the hub of the wheel rotating in the river of the four conditions of existence<sup>1</sup> (2. 155).

1 Hellish, sub-human, human and celestial. See *Tattvārthasūtra* 2, 8.

भासकृतोऽनपभोगकलत्रद्वैतः खेदेऽन्मनुजजन्म मयोरबाह्वम् ।

नूनं स ममकृतपीरिह रत्नराशिमुदीपयेदनुमोहमलीमसात्मा ॥

He who wastes his human birth, obtained after cherished desire, with thoughts of disease, sorrows, fear, pleasures, wife and children, might as well consign a heap of jewels to the flames for the sake of the ashes. Verily his soul is blackened by mighty ignorance (2, 156).

बाह्यमपञ्चविमुक्तस्य तामोन्मुक्तस्य भूतानुकम्पनरुचः प्रियतरववाचः ।

प्रत्यक्षमवृत्तहृदयस्य जितेन्द्रियस्य मज्जस्य बोधिरियमस्तु पदान् तच्छे ॥

May Bodhi (the acquisition of the Three Jewels<sup>1</sup>) lead the man with faith to that exalted state, namely, Liberation, the man that is averse to worldly phenomena and eager for spiritual calm, self-controlled, and kind to all creatures, and fond of the truth, his heart devoted to the Inner Self! (2, 157).

#### THE HYMNS

The next category of Jaina religious poetry, the hymns, as far as they are represented in *Yasastilaka*, consist mostly of verses in praise of the Arhat, the five Parameṣṭhins (Arhat, Siddha, Ācārya, Upādhyāya and Sādhu), and the three Jewels (Right Faith, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct). Most of these verses occur in Book VIII, section 35, while another series of verses accompanying various items in the worship of Jina is found in Section 36. Section 37 of the same Book contains a long hymn in honour of Jina in the lyrical metres described in Chap. VII. Reference may also be made to the *dhyāna* (hymn for mental recitation in the course of meditation) in section 39, extracts from which will be found in Chap. X. Verses in honour of the Jaina Sarasvatī, the presiding goddess of the Scriptures, occur in Section 40, which deals with her worship.<sup>2</sup> While most of these eulogistic and devotional verses occur in connection with Sāmāyika or the customary worship of Jina described in Book VIII, isolated verses in his honour are also found elsewhere in the work usually at the beginning and the end of a chapter.

The verses which we have called hymns are composed in elaborate metres in elevated style, as may be expected in a Kāvya poet like the author of *Yasastilaka*. They are in the nature of a tribute to moral, intellectual and spiritual grandeur, and glorify the sublime in the sphere of religion, asceticism and spiritual culture. The ideal of omniscient and immaculate sainthood, the utter disregard of the body and worldly aspirations, self-control, altruism and universal good-will, right knowledge and faith and conduct: these form the keynote of the eulogies, the abstract

1 i. e. Right Faith, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct.

2 See Chap. X.



character of which may be contrasted with the concrete descriptions of many Brahmanical hymns. At the same time the sectarian character of some of the verses is all too apparent, as their purpose is to glorify Jaina dogmas and tenets, specially the Syādvāda doctrine. Nevertheless, these little hymns or prayers breathe an atmosphere of saintly purity, and proclaim the triumph of Light over Darkness, of the all-pure Self over the obstacles of matter.

The scheme of arrangement of the devotional verses in Book VIII, sections 35-37, is worthy of notice. Somadeva starts with elaborate and complicated prose invocations of the five Parameṣṭhins and the three Jewels,<sup>1</sup> followed by groups of verses styled Bhaktis in the following order: Darśanabhakti (Addressed to Jina), Praise of Right Faith (three verses); Jñānabhakti, Praise of Right Knowledge (three verses); Cāritrabhakti, Praise of Right Conduct (three verses); Arhadbhakti, Praise of the Arhat (seven verses); Siddhabhakti, Praise of the emancipated saints (three verses); Caityabhakti, Praise of the Shrine (one verse); Pañcagurubhakti, Praise of the five teachers, that is, the Parameṣṭhins (one verse); Śāntibhakti, Praise of the Tirthamkara Śāntinātha (one verse); and Ācāryabhakti, Praise of the Preceptor Saints (ten verses). It may be noted in this connection that the use of the term Bhakti in the sense of 'a devotional prayer or hymn' is much earlier than Somadeva, who was no doubt influenced to some extent by the Bhaktis attributed to Pūjyapāda and Kundakunda.<sup>2</sup> The Bhaktis in our work are followed by a description of the ceremonial worship of Jina, dealt with in Book VIII, Section 36, which contains the devotional verses (including a prose passage) recited in the various stages of the ritual. This is followed by the lyrical hymn in Section 37, which is meant to be sung after the formal worship is over. Somadeva's arrangement of the verses is designed to conform to ceremonial requirements, but their independent value as notable specimens of Jaina religious poetry can be easily recognised. The following specimens are mainly from the verses classified above.

#### DARŚANABHAKTI

ते कुर्वन्तु तपोसि दुर्धरविद्यो ज्ञानानि संवित्वा<sup>१</sup> विसं वा वितरन्तु देव तदपि प्राचो न जन्मच्छिदः ।

एषा वेपु न विद्यते तव वचःश्रद्धावचानोदुरा दुष्कर्मोद्धरकुलवज्रदहनघोतावहाता रुचिः ॥

Those who possess no faith, ardent with devotion to thy teachings, O Lord,

<sup>1</sup> See Chap. IV for specimens.

<sup>2</sup> See दशभक्तिः edited by Pt. Jinadāsa Pārivanātha with the commentary of Prabhācandra. It contains Siddhabhakti, Śrutabhakti, Cāritrabhakti, Yogibhakti, Ācāryabhakti, Pañcagurubhakti etc. in Sanskrit and Prākṛit. The work is anonymous, but Prabhācandra remarks at the end of the comm. on Siddhabhakti that the Sanskrit Bhaktis were composed by Pūjyapāda and the Prākṛit ones by Kundakunda.

(faith) blazing like lightning fire in consuming the grove of sprouting sins, cannot destroy the cycle of births, even if they, with mighty resolve, perform austerities or acquire knowledge or give away wealth in charity.

संसाराण्डुधिते तु बन्धमसमप्रारम्भकद्वीवनमोक्षासावृतवारिवाहमसिद्धिर्लोकव्यधिक्रियामभिः ।

कल्याणान्धुजसङ्गदसंभवसरः सम्यक्स्वरसं कृती यो धत्ते इति तस्य नाम सुकमाः स्वर्गापवर्गभिवः ॥

The splendour of heaven and final release, O Lord, is easily attained by the meritorious man who possesses the Jewel of Right Faith in his heart. It serves as a causeway for traversing the ocean of worldly wanderings, and acts like a cloud, showering nectar for the lusty growth of the garden of prosperity, of incomparable extent. It is a wishing gem for the entire universe and a lotus pool of mundane bliss.

यदेवैः शिरसा धृतं गणधरैः कर्णावतंसीकृतं न्यक्तं चेतसि योनिमिर्नृपवरैराप्रातसारं पुनः ।

इत्थे इतिपथे मुक्ते च सिद्धितं विद्याधराधीशैस्तत् स्वाद्वादसरोरुहं मम मनोहंसस्य भूयान्मुदे ॥

May the lotus of Syādvāda doctrine delight the swan of my mind! It is cherished by the ascetics in their hearts, and its rich perfume is inhaled by mighty kings. The Vidyādhara chiefs keep it in their hands and mouths and under their eyes.

मिथ्यातमः पटलभेदनकारणाय स्वर्गापवर्गपुरमार्गनिबोधनाय ।

तत्तत्त्वभावनमनाः प्रणमामि नित्यं त्रैलोक्यमङ्गककराय त्रिनागमाय ॥

Ever do I bow to the Doctrine preached by Jina, applying my mind to the contemplation of its fundamental principles: the Doctrine that dispels the enveloping gloom of false tenets, reveals the way to the cities of Heaven and Salvation, and does good to the universe.

#### ĀRITRABHAKTI

ज्ञानं दुर्मगदेहमण्डनमिव ज्ञात् स्वस्य खेदावहं धत्ते साधु न तत्फलश्रियमयं सम्यक्स्वरसाधुरः ।

कामं देव यदन्तरेण विकलासास्त्रास्त्रपोमयसक्तौ स्वचरिताय संयमदमध्यानादिशान्ते नमः ॥

Salutation to thy Rule of conduct, the abode of self-control, self-restraint, meditation and other attributes! Without it, O Lord, knowledge is a burden, like the decoration of an ugly body. Without it the Jewel of Right Faith, a germinating plant, doth not bear fruit in plenty, and the fields of austerities remain ever barren.

अधिष्ठातृनिरीप्तिष्वु बलतिः सौख्यसौभाग्ययोः श्रीपाणिग्रहकौतुकं कुलबलारोग्यागमे संगमः ।

यत् पूर्वैर्निरितं समाधिनिधिभिर्मोक्षाय पञ्चात्मकं तत्पारिव्रजमहं नमामि विविधं स्वर्गापवर्गास्ये ॥

For the attainment of heaven and final release, I venerate that fivefold Rule of Conduct,<sup>1</sup> varied in character, which was practised by

1 The five kinds of Right Conduct (सम्यक्चारित्र्य) are, roughly speaking, सामाधिक (equanimity), केदोपस्थापना (recovery of equanimity), परिहारविसृद्धि (absolute cessation from injury), सूक्ष्मसाध्याय (all but complete freedom from passion), and यथाख्यात (passionless conduct). See Jaini: *Tattvārthādhigamaśūtra* 9. 18. For details see the commentaries of Pūjyapāda and Siddhasena on the *sūtra*.

the sages of old for the attainment of salvation. It is a wishing gem in granting one's desires, an abode of beauty and luck, a ceremonial wristlet for the wedding of the goddess of prosperity, and a meeting-place of family glory, might and health.

## ARHADBHAKTI

ध्यानावलोकविगलितमिरप्रताने तां देव केवलमर्थी शिवमादधाने ।

आसीत् त्वयि त्रिभुवनं मुहुस्तवाव ध्यापारमन्थरमिवैकपुरं महाय ॥

When thou wast assuming the glory of infinite knowledge, O Lord, and the expanse of Darkness was receding before the Light of thy meditation, the entire world stood motionless, ready for continuous rejoicings, like a city preparing for a festival.

त्वं सर्वदोषरहितः सुनयं वचसे सत्त्वानुकम्पनपरः सकलो विधिश्च ।

लोकस्यापि यदि तुष्यति न त्वयीषा कर्मास्य तन्ननु रवाविव कौशिकस्य ॥

Thou art free from all blemishes, thy words are well-principled, and all thy acts are inspired by compassion for sentient beings. If the world still doth not delight in thee, O Lord, its action is verily like that of the owl in regard to the sun.

मिथ्यामहान्धतमसादुतमप्रबोधमेतत् पुरा जगद्भूजवर्तयति ।

तदेव इष्टिद्वपाकविकासकान्तैः स्वाहावरश्मिभिरथोदुतवांस्त्वमेव ॥

In times of yore the world, without enlightenment, was enveloped in the cimmerian darkness of false belief, and submerged in the ravine of worldly existence. It is thou who saved it, O Lord, with the rays of the Syādvāda doctrine, delightful by reason of their opening the lotus blossoms of men's eyes and hearts.

## SIDDHABHAKTI

सम्पगूहानत्रयेण प्रविदितमिखिलज्ञेयतरप्रपन्नाः प्रोद्भूय ध्यानवातेः सकलमधरजः प्राप्तवत्स्वरूपाः ।

कृत्वा सर्वोपकारं त्रिभुवनपतिभिर्दत्तयाज्ञोत्सवा ये ते सिद्धाः सन्तु लोकत्रयशिखरपुरीवासिनः सिद्धये च ॥

May the emancipated saints inhabiting the crest of the three worlds grant ye success! With the three kinds of perfect knowledge,<sup>1</sup> they have comprehended the entire range of the knowable truths, and attained omniscience by sweeping away all dust of sins with the breeze of meditation. The lords of the universe celebrate festivals in their honour on the completion of their mission of doing good to all living creatures.

दानज्ञानचरित्रसंयमनयप्रारम्भगर्भं मनः कृत्वान्तर्बहिरिन्द्रियाणि महतः संवन्ध पञ्चापि च ।

पञ्चाद्वीतविकल्पजालमखिलं ब्रह्मतमःसंतति ध्यानं तत् प्रविधाव ये च मुमुक्षुस्तेभ्योऽपि बहोऽञ्जलिः ॥

I fold my hands in obeisance to those who attained final deliverance, after

1 अवधि (direct knowledge of matter), मनःपर्यव (direct knowledge of another's mental activity) and केवल (omniscience).

they had completed the entire range of meditation, free from all doubts, all darkness gone, having controlled the internal and external sense organs and the five vital breaths, and concentrated their minds on the application of the law of charity, knowledge, conduct and control of the self.

इत्थं वेऽत्र समुद्रकन्दरसरःस्रोतस्त्रिनीभूगनोद्दीपाग्निद्रुमकानवादिषु वृत्तध्वानावधानर्हयः ।

कालेषु त्रिषु मुक्तिसंगमजुषः स्तुत्यास्त्रिभिर्विष्टपेक्षे रत्नत्रयमङ्गलानि दधतां भव्येषु रत्नाकराः ॥

Thus did they attain the height of absorption in meditation, in places like the ocean, mountain caves, pools of water, rivers, the earth and the sky, islands, mountains, groves of trees and the woods. Emancipated in all the three categories of time,<sup>1</sup> they are worthy of praise by all the three worlds. Oceans<sup>2</sup> as it were, may they confer on the faithful the blessings of the Three Jewels!

#### PAÑCAGURUBHAKTI

समवसरणवासान् मुक्तिलक्ष्मीविकासान् सकलसमयनाथान् वाक्यविद्यासनाथान् ।

मवलिंगलविनोशोद्योगयोगप्रकाशान् निरुपमगुणभावान् संस्तुयेऽहं क्रियावान् ॥

#### ŚĀNTIBHAKTI

भवदुःखानलशान्तिर्धर्मावृतवर्षजनितजनशान्तिः । शिवधर्माजवशान्तिः शान्तिकरः शान्तिनः शान्तिः ॥

#### ĀCĀRYABHAKTI

दूराकटे प्रणिधितरणावन्तरात्माभरेऽस्मिन्नाले येषां हृदयकमलं मोदतिस्पन्दवृत्ति ।

तरवालोकावगमगलितध्वान्तबन्धस्थितीनामिष्टिं तेषामहमुपनये पादयोश्चन्दनेन ॥

With sandal paste I adore their feet! The hold of Darkness on them vanishes at the sight of the light of the Truth, and their lotus hearts are benumbed with joy, when the sun of meditation climbs high in the firmament of their inner souls.

येषामङ्गे मलयजरसैः संगमः कर्दमैर्वा स्त्रीविश्रोकैः पितृवनचितानसमिर्वा समानः ।

मित्रे शत्रावपि च विषये निस्तरङ्गोऽनुषङ्गस्तेषां पूजाव्यतिकरविधावस्तु भूत्ये हविर्वैः ॥

May the ceremonial offerings made in the course of their worship make ye thrive! It is all the same to them whether their bodies come into contact with liquid sandal or mud, or the amorous caresses of women or the ashes of funeral pyres on cremation grounds; and their mental attitude is calm in regard to friend and foe.

योगाभोगावरणचतुरे दीर्णकन्दर्पवर्षे स्वान्ते ध्वान्तोद्धरणसविधे ज्योतिरुन्मेषभाजि ।

संमोदेतामृतमृत इव क्षेत्रनाथोऽन्तरैर्धैर्येषां तेषु क्रमपरिचयात् स्वाधिक्ये चः प्रदीपः ॥

May the votive lamp bring ye prosperity on account of its being presented (before their images) in succession! Their inner souls intensely

1 The past, the present and the future.

2 Lit: abodes of jewels.

rejoice, as if filled with nectar, when their hearts, skilled in the practice of expansive meditation, having destroyed the insolence of the god of love, approach the lifting of the Darkness and experience the dawning of the light.

येषां ज्येष्ठाक्षयकुवलयामन्दचन्द्रोदयानां बोधाम्भोधिः प्रमदसलिलैर्माति वात्सावकाशे ।

कल्याण्येतामक्षिकमुवनेत्यर्थकस्मीं निरीहं चेतस्तेषामयमपचितौ ज्येष्ठे बोधसु भूपः ॥

May this incense burnt in the course of their worship bring ye good! They are as moonrise in delighting the lotus hearts of the faithful.<sup>1</sup> The ocean of their consciousness overflows with the waters of joy in the expanse of their souls, and their hearts are serene, even after acquiring the riches of the entire world.

देहारामेऽप्युपरतभिषः सर्वसंकल्पशान्तेर्नेषामूर्मिस्रयविरहिता ब्रह्मधामामृततटेः ।

आत्मास्मीयानुगमविगमादृष्टवः शुद्धबोधास्तेषां पुष्पैश्चरणकमलान्यर्थवेयं शिवाय ॥

Their actions pay no heed to the pleasures of the body owing to the extinction of all desire, and are free from physical cravings and pride owing to their having attained the deathless state in which the Self abides, and are inspired by pure thoughts owing to the absence of all sense of 'I' and 'mine'. May I worship their lotus feet with flowers for my good!

#### LYRICAL HYMN TO JIHA

नमदमरमौलिमण्डकविलम्बरांशुकरगगनेऽस्मिन् । अरुणायतेऽक्रियुगलं यस्य जीवाजिनो देवः ॥

सुरपतियुवतिश्रवसाममरतत्त्वोरमजरीरुचिरम् । चरणनखकिरणजालं यस्य स जयताजिनो जगति ॥ वर्णः ॥

दिशिजकुञ्जरमौलिमन्दारमकरन्दस्यन्दकरविसरसारधूसरपदाम्बुज । वैदग्ध्यपरमपद प्राप्तवादजय विजितमनसिज ॥ मात्रा ॥

यस्त्वाममितगुणं जिन कश्चित् सावधिबोधः सौति विपश्चित् ।

नूनमसौ ननु काञ्चनशैलं मुकयति हस्तेनाग्निरकाकम् ॥

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... .. ॥ चतुष्पदी ॥

सुरमतिविरचितसंस्तव दलिताखिलभव परमधामकम्बोदय ।

कस्तव जन्तुगुणमघहरणचरण प्रवितनुतां हतनतभय ॥

जय निखिलनिखिलिम्बालापकक्ष जगतीस्तुतकीर्तिकलत्रतल्प ।

जय परमधर्महर्षावतार लोकत्रितयोद्धरणैकसार ॥

जय लक्ष्मीकरकमकार्षिताङ्ग सारस्वतरसनदनाधरङ्ग ।

जय बोधमध्यसिद्धाधिकार्य मुक्तिभीरमणीरतिकृतार्य ॥

... ..

... .. ॥ पद्यतिका ॥

इति तद्व्युत्पत्त्याय आरसरमाय त्रिमुक्तापतिमतिकेतन ।

मम विश जगदीश प्रथमनिवेद्य त्वत्पद्भुतिद्वयं जिन ॥ वृत्ता ॥

1 A marginal note in Ms. A explains ज्येष्ठ as भव्यजन.

## VERSES ADDRESSED TO JINA

महिर्बिम्बं जिनचरणयोः सर्वसत्त्वेषु मैत्री सर्वातिथ्ये मम विमवचीर्दुर्द्विरध्यात्मवत्से ।

सन्निधेः प्रणवपरता चित्तवृत्तिः परार्थे भूषादेतज्जगति जगद्वद् नाम वाचस्पदीयम् ॥

Constant devotion to Jina's feet, goodwill towards all living creatures, a sense of ability to accord hospitality to all, realisation of the truth of the Self, love of those who possess the true learning, and the application of the mind to the good of others: may all this be mine, O Exalted One, as long as thy splendour lasts!

अमरतल्लणीनेत्रागन्दे महोत्सवचन्द्रमाः कारमदमयत्नान्तर्धत्ते मयः परमोऽर्चना ।

अद्वयद्वयः कर्मांशौ नये च कृपात्मकमिति मिलिरसम्भापारस्वं तवापि भवान् महान् ॥

Thou art a carnival moon in delighting the eyes of celestial maidens, but known to be a mighty sun in destroying the darkness of frenzied passion. Thou art pitiless in regard to Karma, thy enemy, but merciful to the humble. Thou dost thus indulge in opposites, yet art thou great in thy glory!

जगज्जेतं पात्रं निस्तिकविद्ययज्ञानमहसां महान्तं त्वां सन्तं सकलनयनीतिस्मृतगुणम् ।

महोदारं सारं विनतहृदयानन्दविषये ततो पात्रे नो चेन्नवति भगवन्निधिमुक्तः ॥

If thou art not averse to suppliants, O Exalted One, I beg of thee superabundant wealth of joy for my reverent heart. Thou art the eye of the world and the repository of the light of omniscience; thou art great and good, and thy virtues are declared by all schools and systems.<sup>1</sup>

मनुजदिविजलदमीलोचनालोकलीलाभिरमिह चरितार्थास्त्वयसादात् प्रजाताः ।

हृदयमिदमिदानीं स्वाभिसेवोत्सुकत्वात् सहवसतिसनाथं कान्तमित्रे विधेहि ॥

Thanks to thy favour, my longing for the graceful glances of the goddess of human and celestial prosperity hath long been fulfilled. Make now this heart of mine, owing to its eagerness to serve its master, dwell with thee, the friend of disciples!

## VERSES INVOKING THE BLESSINGS OF JINA.

ध्यानज्योतिरपास्तवामसचयः स्फारस्फुरत्केवलज्ञानाम्भोजितटैकदेहाविकसन्नैकोनवेकाचकः ।

आनन्देन्द्रशिखरदमण्डनमवत्पादद्वयाम्भोरुः श्रीनाथ प्रथितान्वयस्य भवतो भूषाजिनः श्रेयसे ॥<sup>2</sup>

O Lord of prosperity, may Jina bring good to thee, of renowned dynasty! He hath dispelled the expanse of darkness with the light of his meditation. The universe, like a coastal mountain, stands only on a part of the shore of the ocean of his perfect knowledge, extensive and refulgent! His lotus feet adorn the crown of Indra, bowing in salutation to him! (1. 219).

Most of the benedictory verses occur at the beginning or end of chapters. For example (4.2, 2.245):

तज्ज्ञानत्ववि जातकमपमुषि प्रादुर्भवज्योतिषि त्रैलोक्यभूमि दत्तवान् ककुमि स्वर्गिस्मृतानुदुमि ।

यस्मिन्नप्युति सर्वलोकमहति सोमोन्मुखश्रीकृति श्रेयोभाजनतां जनः परमगात् स साक्षिणे यो जिनः ॥

विशेष त्वरतां पुराः सुरवरुणानैः समं मातले तर्णं सज्जव सामजं कुरु गुरो यानोषितां वाहिनीम् ।

भासीदित्यमहोपकम्पमुषि प्रादुर्भवत्केवले यस्मिन् स्वर्गपतेर्महोत्सवविधिः सोऽध्वात् त्रिकोणीं जिनः ॥

1 A marginal note in Ms. A explains the phrase नयनीति as समयसिद्धान्त.

2 The verse is addressed to Mārādatta.

The inferiority of the principal Brahminical deities to Jina, who is not, strictly speaking, a deity but a world teacher and saint of superhuman status and universal power, is declared in the following verse:

कश्मीपतिप्रवृत्तिभिः कृतपादसेवः पादाब्जगन्धि स जदी जिनचन्द्रदेवः ।

साम्यं त्रिविष्टपवृत्तिस्थितविक्रमस्य दंष्ट्राधृतावमितकस्य हरेर्न यस्य ॥ 3.2

Verses in honour of the Śrutadevatā, the presiding goddess of sacred lore, the Jaina Sarasvatī, occur in connection with her worship, which is described immediately after the discourse on meditation (*dhyānavidhi*).<sup>1</sup> One of these verses is cited below:

चक्षुः परं करणकन्दरदूरितेऽर्थे मोहान्धकारविजुतो परमः प्रकाशः ।

तद्धामगामिपथवीक्षणरत्नदीपस्तं सेव्यसे तदिह देवि जनेन धूपैः ॥

Thou art our sole eye in the perception of objects made inaccessible by the abyss of the senses. Thou art the supreme light in destroying the darkness of ignorance. Thou art a jewel lamp showing the path to the abode of beatitude. Thou art, therefore, O goddess, worshipped by men on earth with offerings of incense (Vol. II, p. 401).

#### RELIGIO-ETHICAL VERSES

##### THE WAY OF SAGES

न देव्यात् प्राणानां न च हृदयहरिणस्य रतवे न दर्पाङ्गानां न च करणकरिणोऽस्य मदनान् ।

विद्यावृत्तिः किं नु क्षतमदनचरितश्रुतविधेः परे हेतौ मुकेरिह मुनिषु न खलु स्थितिरियम् ॥

The sages take nourishment not owing to the frailty of the vital forces nor for the gaiety of the antelope-like heart nor for the vigour of the limbs nor for the exhilaration of the elephant-like senses; but for the supreme object of salvation as propounded in the canon of Jina, who hath destroyed the sway of passion. Is this not the customary practice of sages on earth? (1. 127)

##### USELESS STRENGTH

श्रुताय देवां न शरीरवृद्धिः श्रुतं चरित्राय च वेदु नैव । तेषां बलित्वं ननु पूर्वकर्मव्यापारभारोद्ग्रहणाय मन्ये ॥

Verily the strength of those whose physical growth does not lead to the study of the Scriptures and whose study of the Scriptures does not lead to right conduct, is meant, I ween, for merely bearing the burden of the Karma done in previous births (1. 128).

##### WHEN DEATH IS WELCOME

जीवस्य सहस्रानरत्नभाजभारिवज्रकुलस्य समाहितस्य । आसंसितो मृत्युरप्यप्रयातः परं प्रमोदस्य समागमाय ॥

Death when it comes is welcome and certainly a cause of joy to a man who possesses the Jewel of Right Faith, is endowed with Right Conduct, and practises pure meditation (1. 140)

##### THE USE AND ABUSE OF HUMAN LIFE

पथासं विरसावसानकटुकैरुच्चावचैर्वाकिनां सौख्यैर्मनिसङ्घः सदाबद्धनव्यापारदग्धात्मभिः ।

इत्थं स्वर्गमुच्चावचीरणपैरैरास्मासते तद्दिनं नमोत्पन्नं मनुष्यजन्ममि मनो मोक्षाय चास्यामहे ॥

<sup>1</sup> See Chap. X.



वस्तु कलमयि जगद् व जगति समीहते । तस्मात्कर्मसूत्रीषु विजृम्भन्तां भवाद्भवाः ॥

'No more of celestial joys, uneven and bitter on account of their unpleasant sequel, and spoilt by the conflagration of mental anguish!' Thus do the gods, despising celestial happiness, look forward to the day when, born as men, they will be able to say: 'We will concentrate our minds on final release!' Let the sprouts of future births shoot forth in the field of Karma of the man, who does not strive to cultivate piety, even after attaining this human existence (1. 142-3).

#### KARMA

सुखदुःखादुःखार्थं निजकर्मफलमहात् सुदूरोऽपि । जालावकप्रतिमिव जन्तुर्यमसमवभाषति ॥

Like a fish caught in a net, a living being, owing to the stranglehold of his own Karma, comes under the law of Death even from afar, in order to experience pleasure and pain (in another birth'). Book V.

#### HOW MAN BECOMES LIABLE TO REBIRTH

नरं वचश्चाक्षरास्तुल्यो रम्याणि हर्म्याणि सिन्धुः भिन्नम् ।  
 एतानि संसारतरोः कलानि स्वर्गः परोऽस्तीति क्षुब्धं वार्ता ॥  
 दोषस्त्वमीषां पुनरेक एव सौभाग्यं वञ्चसि जगत्पुत्रपापः ।  
 तत्संभवे तत्त्वविदां परं ज्ञात्वा खेदाय देहस्य वपःप्रवासः ॥  
 बालस्य मौर्याय तपोऽधिकारो युवा तपस्येयसि तत्र दण्डः ।  
 कुटुम्बभाराधिकृतस्य मन्थो दण्डः पुनर्द्विजिहास एव ॥  
 परोपरोधाद्यमेवमात्मा मिथ्याग्रहप्रसक्तमनःप्रतानः ।  
 स्वयं विजानन्नपि देवदूतैराकृष्य नीयेत मयज्जमाय ॥

Early youth, charming young women, beautiful mansions and salutary wealth: these are the fruits of the tree of life. That there is heaven other than these is definitely untrue. But they have one defect. No means is there in the world to ensure their permanence. If that were possible, the assiduity in religious austerities of those who are conversant with the truth would merely amount to exhaustion of the body. A child is not fit for austerities owing to his ignorance, and a youth is liable to penalty if he should undertake them; while a middle-aged man is responsible for the support of his family, and an old man just manages to subsist. Under the influence of others, a sentient being, although he knows the truth, has his mind in the grip of the demon of false belief, and is dragged along by the messengers of Fate for undergoing the cycle of births (Book IV, P. 94).

#### DESIRE FOR RELIGIOUS MERIT

महदपि पापं विक्रयति पुष्पाक्षिमनोदयः सुतुण्डोऽपि । किं नास्यो रविरेव त्रिभुवनमात्रं तमो हन्ति ॥

Even an insignificant desire for the acquisition of religious merit destroys an enormous quantity of sins. Does not the sun, though limited in extent, destroy the darkness reigning in all the three worlds? (Book V).

## CHAPTER XII

### A CONTROVERSIAL DIALOGUE

One of the most interesting episodes of *Yasastilaka* is the animated dialogue in Book IV between Yaśodhara and his mother Candramati on the subject of animal sacrifice, the former being a convert to Jainism, and the latter a champion of the Brahmanical faith. Certain tenets of the Vedic religion are attacked by Yaśodhara in the course of his argument, and he also attempts to establish the ancient and authoritative character of the Jaina faith by citing various texts from what are apparently non-Jaina sources. A dramatic character is given to the dialogue by the use of parenthetical indications resembling stage directions, and but for the numerous quotations, the dialogue is cast in a form that could easily be adapted to the stage. Another, and perhaps more striking, example of a dramatic dialogue occurs in our work in the story of Padmā in Book VII.<sup>1</sup>

The controversy between Yaśodhara and his mother starts from the point where the latter asks him to sacrifice all kinds of animals before the tutelary goddess, and then perform an appropriate rite to counteract the effect of his evil dream. While making the request, she asserts on the authority of Manu that animals may be legitimately killed in sacrifices and the worship of the gods and the Manes, and, as a matter of fact, a Brāhmaṇa, killing animals on such occasions, ensures for himself as well as the victims a state of bliss after death. Further, the killing of animals in sacrifices is not killing at all, since animals have been created by Brahman himself for the purpose of sacrifices, and sacrifices are meant for the good of all.

Yaśodhara, closing his ears and heaving a sigh, expresses surprise at the amount of evil that can be done by delusion and its cause ignorance, and entreats his mother to allow him to speak a few words. After a preliminary discussion on Cārvāka views, which mother and son agree in repudiating, Yaśodhara admits the desirability of a rite for counteracting the effect of an evil dream, but firmly objects to the expedient of sacrificing animals before the goddess, as suggested by his mother. The protection of living creatures, he argues, is the primary duty of Kṣatriyas, and it would be a repudiation of that duty if he killed harmless animals. A king, in fact, takes up arms only against an armed foe on the battlefield or a malefactor of his kingdom, but never against those who are wretched or lowly or well-meaning. 'How then, mother', asks Yaśodhara, 'can I strike living creatures with weapons, myself pure in my conduct in relation to this life and the life beyond?' Further,

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1 See Chap. XVI.

has she forgotten that only the previous day the minister's son Nitibrhaspati had, at her instance, taught him certain significant verses on the subject?

न कुर्वन्ति स्वयं हिंसां प्रवृत्तां च विद्वानेव । जीवितं बहुभारोग्यं सचक्षुःशब्दं महीपतिः ॥

यो दद्याद् काष्ठान् मेघं कृत्वा चापि बहुवरात् । एकस्य जीवितं दद्याद् कठेन न सर्वं भवेत् ॥

यथात्मनि शरीरस्य दुःखं नेच्छन्ति जन्तवः । तथा यदि परस्मापि न दुःखं तेन जायते ॥

'A king who constantly desires longevity, strength and health must do no injury to living creatures himself nor allow it to take place when planned by others. One may give away the Meru mountain of gold as well as the entire earth. The result will not be equal to that of saving the life of a single sentient being. Suffering will cease to exist among living creatures if they no longer wish to cause physical pain to others, just as they do not wish to cause it to themselves.'

Yasodhara points out that there are many commendable expedients other than the killing of animals for propitiating the Brāhmanas and the gods, and sustaining the body. Why do honest people then commit the sin of killing? Besides, animal flesh is full of impurities: if it pleased the gods, we would rather worship the tigers!

संतर्पणार्थं द्विजदेवतानां पुष्टयर्थमङ्गलं च सन्त्युपायाः ।

अन्येऽपि कोके बहवः प्रकृताः सन्तः कुतः पापमिहाचरन्ति ॥

शुक्रशोभितसंभूतमनुजीनां निकेतनम् । मांसं चेद् ग्रीनवेदेवानेतद्व्याघ्रादुपाकरोहे ॥

Yasodhara declares the current opinion that the gods are pleased with animal sacrifices to be false, and says

इताः कृपाणेन बनेऽपि जन्तवो बार्ध्वा निबन्धे गच्छन्तिनाथ ।

अदन्ति चैताद् स्वयमेव देव्यो व्याघ्राः कबार्हाः परमत्र सन्तु ॥

कृत्वा मित्रं देवमर्थं हि कोको मये च मांसे च रतिं करोति ।

एवं न चेद्गुणिसंगमिः स्वादुर्कर्मणां कोऽपर एव मार्गः ॥

'Animals surely perish in the woods, killed with swords, or strangled to death, and there are goddesses who of their own accord devour them. But the tigers alone are worthy of praise (for they themselves kill and eat unlike the gods who make others kill). People are addicted to wine and flesh on the pretext that these serve to please the gods. But if the wicked do not go to hell in this way, what other way thitherward is open to them?' Further, if Dharma is really based on the killing of animals, why is hunting called *pāparddhi*, 'progress in sin'? Why is it customary to bring in flesh under cover? Why is flesh called *Rāvaṇasāka*, 'Rāvaṇa's herb'? Why is it shunned on sacred days? Yasodhara terminates this part of his argument by quoting a number of authoritative texts in support of abstention from killing.

Hearing these words, Yasodhara's mother says to herself:

माता—(स्वगतम्) अहो मदीये दुते संप्रतं जैनजनजात इव लजः प्रतिमासते । विषमम् सख्यं भवत्ययं जनः । यस्माच्चिरं समवाप्तोपरचितप्रतीकारण्यप्यन्येषां मनसि प्रायेण पश्यतोहर इव हरत्यार्हतो लोकः । तद्वासनावासितं हि चेतो न प्रज्ञाप्य शक्यतेऽन्वयाकर्तुम् । दुश्चिन्तितस्य सख्यं करिषां कूटपाकल इव प्राणिनां क्षुपणक्षोपनोत्थितस्याभिनिवेशः ।

'Ah, now the Jaina wind seems to have taken possession of my son. These Jainas are difficult people to deal with, because like thieves, they beguile the minds of men, though long protected by the doctrines of other schools. Once the mind is imbued with their ideas, Brahman himself cannot divert it to other channels. The cast of mind produced in men by the Jainas is indeed beyond remedy, like the fever of elephants.' Candramati then recollects the priest's son Śivaśarman having told her that the king had met a Digambara Jaina ascetic living under a tree, and for a long while discussed religious topics with him. She remarks that her son has since evinced a dislike for wine, meat, hunting and animal sacrifice, and demonstrated his hostility to the injunctions of the Vedas and the Law-books.

Then addressing herself to the councillors, and calling them monsters and destroyers of her son and the kingdom, and despoilers of the people, she gives vent to her wrath and censures them for allowing her immature son, despite her instructions to the contrary, to come into touch with the Digambara Jainas, who are, like magicians, habitually skilled in bewitching the world. She addresses her son in a menacing tone, and calling him a raw Cārvāka, tells him that she has understood him well, and can herself give him a suitable reply. She asks him how he can ever have any leaning towards the religion of the Digambaras, which makes no provision for the gratification of the gods, the Manes and the Brāhmaṇas, and for dips in sacred waters as well as oblations in the fire; a religion outside the jurisdiction of the Vedas and the Law-books. None but him would care to talk with those heretics, who speak ill of the gods and the Brāhmaṇas, eat standing like brutes, and are devoid of all sense of shame and personal hygiene. Besides, their system came into being only in the Kali Age, and not even their name was known in earlier times. They hold quite unreasonably that men become gods and the gods are many.<sup>1</sup> To speak the truth, the Veda is the sole authority in the matter of religion, and there is no god other than the Veda. He who does not know the Veda well does not know the regulations of the four castes and the four stages of life. Then if Yasodhara has any devotion

1 The reference is to the twenty four Tirthankaras' or Apostles worshipped as divine beings.

to the gods, let him worship Śiva or Viṣṇu or the Sun. When they are pleased, they transport their worshippers in a moment to their respective cities, and when gratified, vouchsafe even a kingdom.

न तर्पणं देवपितृद्विजानां क्षुण्णस्य होमस्य न चास्ति वार्ता ।  
 भुतेः स्मृतेर्वाङ्मते च यीक्षे धर्मे कथं पुन दिग्भ्रमराणाम् ॥  
 उज्ज्वाः पशूनां सद्यः प्रसभ्ये वे कञ्चनौघगुणेन हीनाः ।  
 स्वतः परतः सह को हि गोर्ही करोतु देवद्विजमिम्यकैश्च ॥  
 नामापि पूर्वं न समस्त्यमीवामभूत् कठौ वसेनमेतदीयम् ।  
 देवो मनुष्यः किल सोऽप्यनेकस्त एवमिच्छन्ति च निर्विचारम् ॥  
 धर्मे प्रमाणं सल्लु वेद एव वेदात् परं देवतमत्र नास्ति ।  
 यो वेद सत्यम् न हि वेदमेतं यथास्माचारमसौ न वेद ॥  
 अथास्ति भक्तिस्तव देवतेषु हरं हर्षं वार्ष्णेय मास्करं वा ।  
 नयन्ति हृदाः स्वपुरीं क्षणेन तुष्टाः प्रवच्छन्ति च रात्र्यमेते ॥

Hearing these words, Yaśodhara reflects within himself that even washing with nectar cannot cleanse a heart that is by nature black as charcoal. Yet he recognises that his opponent in the debate is his own mother, 'the presiding deity of the kingdom', and she is at liberty to speak as she likes to him. Then addressing his mother and entreating her to pardon him for what he is going to say, he replies to the charges brought by her against the Jaina religion, and in so doing severely criticizes certain aspects of the Brahmanical faith.

Speaking of Śrāddha, Yaśodhara argues that if it is true that the Pitrs have betaken themselves to earthly existences or celestial abodes as a result of their good deeds, they cannot have any need for annual offerings of rice-balls, which are actually taken by Brāhmanas and crows:

मर्त्येषु चेत् सत्त्वसु नाकिनां वा विधाय पुण्यं पितरः प्रजाताः ।  
 तेषामपेक्षा द्विजकाकभुक्तेः पिण्डैर्भवेद्दर्शकृतेनैव कापि ॥

Further, the ancients prescribed Śrāddha and other rites by way of religious observances, because religion has to be practised by all decent people, desirous of their own good, in one form or another; and no one, as a rule, practises religion unless there is an occasion for it:

येनापि केनापि भिन्नेन आत्मैर्धर्मो भिन्नेवः स्वहितैकतान्यैः ।  
 जनेन कालेन कृतः पुराणैर्मार्गोऽनमात्मान्युदयप्रवीणैः ॥

निर्मितं न कोऽपिह जगः प्रायेण धर्मधीः । अतः आद्यादिकाः प्रोक्ताः क्रियाः कुशलपुद्भिः ॥

Similarly, the observance of Amāvāsyā, pilgrimage, reception of guests, Śrāddha rites, and observances connected with particular days, occasions and stars have been declared by the ancients to be conducive to the religious merit of those who are unable to practise constant charity:

यदेतैर्धर्मविधाद्युपवाससंस्कारकाः । निर्यं दातुमशक्तानां पुण्यायोकाः पुरातनैः ॥

It is not true to say that the Jainas do not gratify the Twice-born. They do worship the Munis (Jaina ascetics), who are 'Twice-born', being once actually born, and born a second time at the time of initiation into the religious vows. Nor is it true to say that Jainism does not recognise ceremonial baths, because the Jaina householder is enjoined to take a bath before worshipping the Arhat or studying the Sacred Books or devoting himself to meditation. One must not, however, think that a mere dip in a river or a pool of water or a tank or the ocean leads to any religious merit, for in that case it is the aquatic animals that would go to heaven first. It has been rightly said that those who are maddened by passion, hate and pride, and addicted to women, are never purified even by bathing at hundreds of sacred sites:

जन्मैकमात्राधिगमो द्वितीयं भवेन्मुनीनां व्रतकर्मणा च ।  
 भसी द्विजाः साधु भवन्ति तेषां संतर्पणं जैनजनः करोति ॥  
 आत्मा वजेतासमवधानमं वा पठेद्यदि ध्यानमुपाचरेद्वा ।  
 ज्ञानं भवेदेव गृहाभितानां स्वर्गापवर्गागमसंगमाय ॥  
 सरित्सरोवारिचिवापिकाषु निमज्जनोन्मज्जनमात्रमेव ।  
 पुण्याय चेत्तर्हि जलेचराणां स्वर्गः पुरा आदितरेषु पश्चात् ॥

तदाह—रागद्वेषमदोन्मत्ताः स्त्रीणां ये व्रतवर्तिनः । न ते कालेन शुच्यन्ति ज्ञानातीर्थतैरपि ॥

As regards Homa, it is impossible that the gods who feed on nectar and live in luxury in heaven should ever partake of oblations made in the fire. The expression *agnimukhāḥ*, as applied to the gods, means 'those who have faces bright as fire', just as *candramukhi kanyā* means 'a moon-faced girl'; but it does not mean, as is usually supposed, 'those who have Fire for mouth'.

Yasodhara then refutes the charge that Jainism is a modern creed unknown to the Vedas and the Law Books, by citing a number of texts supposed to contain references to Jaina ascetics, images and doctrines.<sup>1</sup> It is, accordingly, concluded that just as there are four oceans and six seasons, similarly there are four schools of thought and six systems of philosophy including, of course, the system of the Jainas.<sup>2</sup>

चत्वार एते सहजाः समुद्रा यथैव कोके ऋतयोऽपि षट् च ।  
 चत्वार एते समवास्तथैव षट् वर्णनानीति वदन्ति सन्तः ॥

The speaker next defends the custom of Jaina ascetics who eat standing and that of the Digambara ascetics, who wear no clothing owing to their determination not to possess anything. As for personal hygiene,

1 See Chapters XIII and XVIII.

2 See Chapter IX.

they carry a water-pot with them, and cleanse any particular limb that might be soiled. Surely, when a man is bitten by a snake on one of the fingers, he cuts off the finger and not the nose :

वाचद् समर्थं बहुकलत्रादीं वाचद् पानिपुत्रमेति वच्यम् ।  
तावन्मुनीनामकाने प्रवृत्तिरिच्छासाधेन शिवतमोज्ज्वाले ॥  
वाक्यमकोट्यवपि वच संगे निर्विकल्पकत्वं परमं न तिष्ठेत् ।  
मुमुक्षुवत्तत्र कथं नु कर्तुमीति बुद्ध्याग्निवक्त्रकेतु ॥  
सौमं निशामं मुनिपुंगवाणां कमन्दकोः संभवनाद् समस्ति ।  
न चाहुको सर्पविद्विषाणां क्षिणति नासां सलु कश्चिद् ॥

Yasodhara emphasizes the purity of the Jaina religion :

वदन्ति वैशाखमिहासमेते रागादयो यत्र न सन्ति दोषाः ।  
महाविशद्वोऽपि च यत्र दुष्टः शिष्टैः स मन्वेत कथं नु चर्मः ॥

'The Jainas call him an Āpta who is free from passion and such other blemishes. How can the cultured censure a religion wherein even terms like wine are condemned'? The Arhat, free from passion, is contrasted with a Brahmanical god. The latter is blind with rage in dealing with enemies, and loves his wives: if such an individual is a god, the universe is full of gods :

परेषु योगेषु मनीषवान्चः प्रीतिं दद्यात्साम्प्रतिग्रहेषु ।  
तथापि देवः स यदि प्रसक्तमेतज्जगदेवमयं समस्तम् ॥

Yasodhara then condemns the use of wine, flesh and honey; and recounts the evil consequences of drinking.

कजा न सजा कुशकं न शीकं क्षुत् न पूर्तं न वरः प्रचारः ।  
मद्येन मग्दीकृतमानसानां विवेकनाशाच्च विज्ञानवन्धः ॥

'Those who are stupefied with drink have no sense of shame nor propriety of conduct nor knowledge of sacred lore nor commendable activities; they are as ghosts owing to the loss of the power of discernment.'

The authority of the Veda is next attacked. The speaker contends that the injunctions of the Veda are guided by the instincts of the crowd, and often self-contradictory. No sure clue is to be found in the Veda as to what is to be done and what avoided, and the Veda can in no sense be an authority for the world.

वयाजनाकृतमयं प्रवृत्तः परस्परार्थप्रतिकूलवृत्तः ।  
विचौ निवेद्ये च न निश्चयोऽस्ति कथं स वेदो जगतः प्रमाणम् ॥

An instance of how the Veda follows the instincts of the crowd is found in the fact that the common people desire to take meat, and the Veda sanctions meat-eating by prescribing certain rules for it, e. g., meat is to be taken after ceremonially sprinkling it with water in accordance with the desire of the Brāhmanas, and it is also permissible to take it after worshipping the Manes and the gods.<sup>1</sup> Similarly, the Veda legitimizes the lewd desires of certain people by sanctioning incest in the Gosava

<sup>1</sup> तथा हि मांसं वेदाचारिभिरुच्यते आचर । किं नु विविपूर्वकमाचरितव्यम् । तदाह—प्रोक्षितं मन्वेन्मांसं प्राक्षणां नु कान्धवा ।...अर्चयित्वा विपुर् देवान् खादन् मांसं न दुष्यति ॥



'It is very wellknown that poison is the remedy for poison, and fire for fire. On similar grounds, even destruction of life may lead to religious merit. The number of ploughs is not six on every plot, my child.'

Further, a person in the habit of probing a matter too much with minute investigation gains thereby nothing, and it is advisable to do as the world does, since the path followed by the many is the true path.

न कापि पुंसः पुरुषार्थसिद्धिः सूक्ष्मेक्षवातीवपरीक्षकस्य ।

जगत्प्रवाहेण तु वर्तितव्यं महाजनो येन गतः स पन्थाः ॥

Candramati goes on to praise the joys of wine and flesh-eating.

विद्यासिनीविभ्रमदर्पणानि कन्दर्पसंतर्पणकारणानि ।

क्रियाभ्रमच्छेदकराणि हातुं मधूनि को नाम सुधीर्वरेत ॥

मताः समा मन्मथतत्त्वविद्विर्मुक्ताः स्त्रियो मद्यविवर्जिताश्च ।

ये मुञ्जते मांसरसेन हीनं ते मुञ्जते किं न गोमयेन ॥

'What wise man would attempt to give up wine, the mirror of the graceful gestures of fair women, wine that excites love and removes fatigue? Women who abstain from wine are as good as dead in the opinion of adepts in erotic lore. And those who eat without the flavour of meat verily eat with that of dung.'

Yasodhara's mother concludes her appeal by citing a number of Smṛti verses on the subject of meat-offerings to the Manes. But the son remains unconvinced, and after a brief soliloquy makes his final declaration on the points at issue.

रजस्तमोभ्यां बहुकल पुंसः पापं सतां नैव निदोषमाय ।

नाप्येनसामसज्जतामपेक्षा जातौ कुले वा रजसामिवास्ति ॥

जातिर्जरा कृत्स्नुरयामयाद्या वृषेषु चान्येषु समं भवन्ति ।

पुण्यैर्जनेभ्योऽम्बुधिकाः क्षितीक्षा मनुष्यभावे त्वविशेष एव ॥

यथा मम प्राणवधे भवत्या महान्ति दुःखानि भवन्ति मातः ।

तथा परेषामपि जीवहानौ भवन्ति दुःखानि तदम्बिकानाम् ॥

'The sin committed by a man overpowered by evil propensities and delusion is no example for the good<sup>1</sup> nor does supervening sin, like dust, make any distinction of family or caste. Birth, old age and death and disease and the like are common to kings and others. But kings are superior to other men in religious merit; no difference exists so far as the human aspect is concerned.<sup>2</sup> Mother, just as thou wouldst feel profound sorrow if I were killed, similarly the mothers of others would be aggrieved if their sons were to lose their lives.'

1 The speaker means to say that there is no hard and fast rule that *himśā* in every case will lead to sin.

2 The reference is to the sin of men like Gautama and Viśvāmitra who are said to have killed living creatures for preserving their own lives.

3 Yasodhara refers to the religious responsibility of kings, which makes them uphold the principle of *ahimsā*.

Further, if it had been possible to save one's own life by taking the life of another, the kings of old would never have died; and if the *śāstric* injunction sanctioning flesh-eating were to be applied universally, one would have to eat even the flesh of dogs and crows!

परस जीवेन यदि खरसा पूर्वे क्षितीयाः कुत एव मृतः ।

साकं तु सर्वत्र यदि प्रमाणं ब्रह्मकर्मोऽपि भवेत् प्रवृत्तिः ॥

Yasodhara then attacks the belief that the sacrifice of animals leads to heaven:

लोलेन्द्रिवेडोऽकमनोऽनुकूलैः स्वाजीवनाधानम एव सृष्टः ।

स्वर्गो यदि स्यात् पशुहिसकानां स्वाकृतां तर्हि भवेत् स कामम् ॥

मन्त्रेण शस्त्रैर्गर्हणीयनाद्या वेदां बहिष्वापि बधः समानः ।

स्वर्गो यदि स्यात्प्रमत्तहिसितानां स्वान्धवेयंरुचिर्नि किं तु ॥

'This Vedic lore was created by sensual persons, favourable to the inclinations of the populace, in order to make their own living; and it is the butchers who would mostly go to heaven if that was the destination of those who killed animals in sacrificial rites. Killing is the same whether it is done at the altar or outside, whether it is accompanied by Vedic formulas or brought about by strangulation or weapons. If the animals killed in sacrifices go to heaven, why is it that one's kinsfolk are not sacrificed?'

Yasodhara illustrates his point further by a story in which a goat, about to be sacrificed, is represented as saying to the priest:

माहं स्वर्गलोपभोगवृत्तितो नाम्बर्धितस्त्वं मया संतुष्टत्वनमक्षणेन कृतं हन्तुं न युक्तं तव ।

स्वर्गं यान्ति यदि त्वया विनिहता वझे ध्रुवं प्राप्तिनो वज्रं किं न करोषि मातृपितृभिः पुत्रैस्तथा बान्धवैः ॥

'I am not eager to enjoy the bliss of heaven nor have I asked thee for it. I am ever content with the eating of grass; it is not right for thee to kill me. Verily, if the animals slain by thee in sacrifices go to heaven, why dost thou not sacrifice thy parents, children and friends?'

Yasodhara's mother makes no further attempt to argue with her son, and falling at his feet, in spite of his remonstrances, entreats him to accept a compromise in the matter of sacrificing a cock at the altar of Candikā and partaking of its flesh. Yasodhara agrees most unwillingly, and the debate comes to an end.

The discussion between Yasodhara and his mother belongs to a long series of texts wherein Jaina writers have attacked various tenets and practices of the Brahmanical religion, especially those connected with the sacrifice of animals in Vedic rites. There is in fact a whole literature of such attacks interspersed in Jaina writings in Sanskrit and Prākṛit, but there are few as systematic and comprehensive as that in our work, not to speak of the dramatic realism which characterizes the dialogue.

## CHAPTER XIII

### JAINISM AND OTHER FAITHS

#### POPULAR JAINISM

The period of Rāṣṭrakūṭa hegemony in the Deccan was perhaps the most flourishing epoch of Jainism. Not only in the Rāṣṭrakūṭa empire but in the feudatory Ganga kingdom (Mysore), the religion of the Arhat enjoyed royal patronage and esteem and the support of the people, especially of the commercial classes. The ninth and tenth centuries mark, in fact, an era of great expansion of Jaina culture in that part of India in the sphere of religion, philosophy and literature. Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, a contemporary record of documentary value, throws considerable light on the position of Jainism and its relation to other religions during an important period of Indian history.

In the Deccan of the tenth century Jainism was, as it has always been, the religion of an influential and ambitious minority, and nowhere in Jaina literature is the propagandist note more clearly heard than in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*. It would appear that, as late as the tenth century, the charge of being an upstart religion lacking in the prestige of antiquity was levelled against Jainism; and Somadeva tries to prove the ancient origin of the faith by citing the authority of a number of texts and authors, supposed to contain, according to him, appreciative references to the Jaina creed and Jaina monks.<sup>1</sup> Unfortunately some of the authorities cited by him do not seem to be very old, while there are others of a dubious character, if not altogether spurious; and they do not, on the whole, carry him very far in defending his thesis. For example, Somadeva claims to find a reference to the expedient of worshipping a Jaina monk for the cure of illness caused by his wrath in a verse of the Jyotiṣa Vedāṅga,<sup>2</sup> but the verse in question is not found in the latter work and seems to be a quotation from a later astrological text. Similarly, in another text, cited anonymously, Brhaspati is represented as expounding before Indra the Syādvāda doctrine.<sup>3</sup> The quotations from *Citrakarman* and *Ādityamata* relating to portraits and idols respectively of Jaina Tirthamkaras<sup>4</sup> are no doubt authentic and genuine, but the two works cited by Somadeva cannot be very old, although earlier than the tenth century,

1 *Yasastilaka*, Book IV.

2 कथं नाम व्योतिषाङ्गे वचनमिदमुक्तम्-समर्थं शनिना वृष्टः क्षयणः कोपितः पुनः । तद्भक्तस्तस्य पीडायां तावेव परिपूजयेत् ॥ Ibid.

3 'साख्यं योगो लोकपतं चान्नीक्षिकी । तस्यां च स्वादस्ति स्वाज्ञास्तीति नम्रमणक इति वृहस्पतिराखण्डकस्य पुरस्तं समर्थं कथं प्रत्यवतन्ने ।' Ibid.

4 See Chap. XVIII.

while Varāhamihira, from whom Somadeva quotes a verse containing a reference to the cult of the Jinas practised by the naked ascetics, flourished only about four centuries earlier than the composition of *Yasastilaka*.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva then quotes a verse from a work called *Nimittādhyāya*, which describes the visit of 'ascetics free from worldly ties' as auguring prosperity to a place,<sup>2</sup> and he obviously takes the expression *nirgranthāsca tapodhanāḥ* to mean Jaina monks. The date of this work is unknown, but it seems to be referred to by Śāntarakṣita in *Tattvasaṃgraha* (vv. 3511 ff.). He says that if Vedic authority is required as proof of the omniscience of the Buddha, reference should be made to the Nimitta Śākhā of the Veda wherein the Exalted Buddha, the Omniscient sage, is clearly mentioned by the learned Brāhmaṇas.<sup>3</sup> The Nimitta Śākhā of the Veda seems to be a fiction and is probably the same as the *Nimittādhyāya* cited by Somadeva, which might be supposed to contain a reference to the Buddha. That the Nimitta Śākhā was not a Vedic school is shown by the statement of Śāntarakṣita that the hostility of the Brāhmaṇas to the Buddha was responsible for the fact that this particular Śākhā was not included among the Vedic schools, although the text concerned, obviously the same as the *Nimittādhyāya*, could be converted into a Vedic text at will by adding the necessary accents.<sup>4</sup> However that might be, the citation from the *Nimittādhyāya* does not further to any great extent Somadeva's argument in support of the antiquity of the Jaina religion. Similarly, after citing the texts mentioned above, he goes on to enumerate a large number of poets including Bhāravi, Bhavabhūti, Kalidāsa and Māgha, and claims that the Jaina faith enjoys a great reputation in their works.<sup>5</sup>

The anxiety of Somadeva to establish the antiquity of Jainism illustrates the desire of a member of a minority community to enhance the prestige of his faith, so essential for its propagation. The duty of a pious Jaina to his religion is clearly formulated in connection with the *āṅgas* or components of Samyaktva,<sup>6</sup> and one of his sacred obligations seems to be *gaṇavardhana*, expansion of the community, to be carried out by appropriate methods explained by Somadeva in detail.<sup>7</sup> The evidence of Somadeva

1 See Chap. XVIII.

2 निमित्ताध्याये च—पथिनी राजहंसाश्च निमैन्धाश्च तपोधनाः । यं देशमुपसर्पन्ति शुभिंश्च तत्र निर्दिशेत् ॥

3 किंतु वेदप्रमाणत्वं यदि युष्माभिरिष्यते । तदा किं भगवतो मूर्धैः सर्ववत्त्वं न गम्यते ॥ निमित्तनामि सर्वेशो भगवान् मुनिसत्तमः । शास्त्रान्तरे हि विस्पष्टं पश्यते ब्राह्मणैर्गुणैः ॥

4 अथ शास्त्रान्तरे वेदं वेदान्तर्गतमिष्यते । तदथ न निमित्तं यो देवं युक्त्वाऽवधार्यते ॥ स्वरादयश्च ते धर्माः प्रसिद्धाः श्रुतिमानिनः । कर्तुमत्रापि शक्यास्तो नरेच्छमानसंभवात् ॥

5 '.....राजशेखरादिमहाकविसाम्येण .....कथं तद्विषया महती प्रसिद्धिः' Book IV. For poets in question see Chap. XVIII

6 Book VI.

7 See Chap. X.

clearly shows that while the Jainas were eager to propagate their religion, they were definitely opposed to the admission of undesirable elements to the fold of Jainism, and preferred to welcome those who had voluntarily adopted the faith. At the same time there was a tendency to show considerable latitude to those converts who were unable to forgo completely their former customs and beliefs. As Somadeva says, a person of this category should be given a mixed reception, since the total loss of a new adherent is by no means desirable.<sup>1</sup>

As we have already pointed out, Somadeva defends certain Jain practices which seem to have provoked adverse comment in non-Jaina circles.<sup>2</sup> The nudity of the Digambara monks was one such example, and there is an interesting episode in *Yasastilaka* Book V, wherein another attempt is made to justify it. Prince Yaśomati is disgusted at the sight of the Jaina monk Sudatta in the garden of the Sahasrakūṭa temple, and the companion of the prince explains to the merchant Kalyānamitra that the king's displeasure is due to his having seen the inauspicious nude fellow before him. Kalyānamitra who is a good Jaina makes a spirited reply, in the course of which he asserts that nudity is natural and it is clothing that is artificial: one is nude at birth and during childhood and at the time of enjoying physical comforts; Śiva is nude and so is the recluse who cuts off the tuft of hair on his head. If nudity is objectionable, why is the cow honoured every day? It is sinful and harmful objects that are inauspicious; if sages, devoted to the good of all sentient beings, and purified by knowledge, meditation and austerities, are an inauspicious sight, what else can be auspicious in the world?<sup>3</sup> The frequency with which Somadeva defends the nudity and other practices of the Digambara monks seems to suggest that these were considered to be unattractive features of the Jaina creed in the eyes of non-Jainas, and it was accordingly deemed necessary to remove all misconceptions in regard to them in order that there might not be any obstacles in the path of the propagation of Jainism among the masses.

Jaina propaganda seems to have been subtle and effective. In *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, Yaśodhara's mother describes the Jainas as weaning away the people from other systems, like thieves, and calls the Digambaras magicians expert in fascinating the world.<sup>4</sup> It was also part of Jaina

1 For the relevant verses see Chap. X, section VI.

2 See Chap. X.

3 सुखानुभवने नमो नमो जन्मसमागमे । वास्तव्यं नमः शिवो नमो नमश्चिन्तयित्वो यतिः ॥ नमस्त्वं सहजं लोके विकारो बलवेदनम् । नमो चेवं कथं बन्धा तौरमेवी दिने दिने ॥...शानध्यानतपःपूताः सर्वसत्त्वहिते रताः । किमन्यन्महाकं लोके मुनयो वचनमकथम् ॥

4 See Chap. XII.

propaganda to hold up the tenets of other faiths to ridicule and dilate on the excellence of Jainism. Somadeva, for instance, indulges in unbridled criticism of contemporary non-Jaina faiths and lays emphasis on the essential purity of the Jaina religion. He says among other things that the Omniscient and trustworthy Guide postulated by the Jainas is free from all blemishes such as the passions, and Jainism condemns even the use of words signifying wine and similar objects : how can the wise ever decry a religion like this?<sup>1</sup> Further, it may be noted that Jaina writers often indulge in what is called *dharmaparīkṣā* or the examination of the relative merits of different religions with a view to demonstrating the superiority of Jainism to the others. Somadeva, for instance, examines in his romance various religions and systems, and enumerates the different theories of salvation held by the non-Jaina schools of thought by way of contrasting them with the Jaina view of Mokṣa, which by implication is claimed to be superior to the rest. Amitagati, who is somewhat later than Somadeva, wrote in 1014 A. D. a treatise called *Dharmaparīkṣā* to establish the superiority of Jainism to the Brahmanical religion by pointing out the fallacies and weak points of the Purāṇic mythology. It is noteworthy that *Dharmaparīkṣās* were composed also in Prākṛit, Apabhraṃśa and Kanarese. Vṛttavilāsa (c. 1160 A. D.) produced a Kanarese version of Amitagati's Sanskrit work : "it tells how two Kṣatriya princes went to Benares, and in successive meetings with the Brāhmins there, exposed the vices of the gods as related in the sacred books."<sup>2</sup> Hariṣeṇa wrote a *Dharmaparīkṣā* in Apabhraṃśa in 988 A. D., and this again is based on a *Dharmaparīkṣā* composed by Jayarāma in Prākṛit.<sup>3</sup> Lesser in scope but earlier than these is the episode of *Dharmaparīkṣā* in Uddyotana's Prākṛit romance *Kuvalayamālā* Book IV.<sup>4</sup> Here we find that the tutelary goddess Śrī presents king Dr̥dhavarman with a mysterious document, inscribed on a gold plate in Brāhmī characters, and containing what turns out to be the fundamental tenets of the Jaina religion. The next day the king summons an assembly of learned men of different communities and asks them to expound their religious tenets to see whether they correspond to those recorded in the inscription. The Jaina Sādhus alone declare that the doctrines set forth in the document constitute the true faith. Jainism is

1 For the verse in question see Chap. XII.

2 Rice: *Kanarese Literature*, p. 37. Brahma Śiva (c. 1125) is another Kanarese writer, who in his controversial work *Samaya-parīkṣa* "points out the defects of rival creeds, and justifies the Jaina position."

3 See Dr. Upadhye's article in *The Jaina Antiquary*, Vol. IX, p. 21.

4 See Ratnaprabha's Sanskrit version, p. 202: तदाकर्ण्य राजा भर्षपरीक्षां देवतागृहे कुण्डदेवतां त्रिविमाराधयामास etc.

accordingly declared to be the best of religions, and the king decides to adopt the Jaina faith and enter the monastic order.<sup>1</sup> The shortcomings of other religions and the excellence of Jainism form the sum and substance of Jaina propaganda, reminding one of a certain type of Missionary literature of modern times. Dogmatic assertions declaring the supremacy of the Jaina religion are, as is to be expected, frequent in medieval Jaina literature. Vāḍibhasiṃha, for instance, invites the ambitious man, desirous of the supreme beatitude, to betake himself to the sacred Jaina faith, 'a lion in destroying the elephants, the wrong creeds.' (*Kṣātracūḍāmaṇi* 11. 105):

एवं निर्मलधर्मनिर्मितमिदं धर्मं स्वकर्मसुखप्राप्तं प्राप्तुमनुच्छिन्नेति तत्रां यो वा महेश्वरो जनः ।  
लोऽयं दुर्मतकुलप्रहरणे पञ्चावनं वाचनं जैनं धर्मसुपाशयेत मतिमात्रिः भवेत्तः प्राप्तये ॥

Nothing could be more incorrect than to assume that the success of medieval Jainism was due solely to subtle and successful propaganda. The latter was no doubt an important factor, but the progress made by the faith and the royal patronage enjoyed by it under the Cālukyas, the Rāṣṭrakūṭas, the Gangas, and the Hoysalas as well as under certain feudatory rulers should be attributed rather to the zeal of a succession of saintly Jaina teachers and the confidence inspired by the intellectual eminence of scholars and writers like Akalaṃka, Virasena, Jinasena, Guṇabhadra, Pampa, Ponna, Puṣpadanta, Vādirāja, Prabhācandra and others. Such men could be expected to hold their own and maintain the prestige of their faith in a world of thought dominated by the leaders of the Brahmanical revival from Śaṃkara and Kumārila to Udayana and Rāmānuja.

The old philanthropic ideals of Jainism seem to have been upheld in the tenth century. In a remarkable verse of *Yasastilaka* Somadeva gives expression to the religious ideal of the true Jaina: devotion to Jina, good will

1 The recently published *Dhūrtākhyāna* of Haribhadra throws further light on the character and composition of the *Dharmaparikṣā* texts. Haribhadra's *Dhūrtākhyāna*, composed in Prākṛit verses in the eighth century, is a lively satire on the Puranic legends, and as such allied to the *Dharmaparikṣās* of Amitagati and others, but it is free from the theological bias and the propagandist tone of the latter. Jayarāma's *Dharmaparikṣā* is no longer extant, but that of Hariṣeṇa is available in manuscripts. Hariṣeṇa says that the *Dharmaparikṣā* which was formerly composed by Jayarāma in Gāthā metre is now composed by him in Paddhadiyā metre. A comparison of the *Dhūrtākhyāna* and the *Dharmaparikṣā* of Amitagati reveals considerable similarities; and it is probable that Jayarāma, who is so far the earliest known among the *Dharmaparikṣā* writers, utilized Haribhadra's work for sectarian purposes. See Dr. A. N. Upadhye's Introduction to Haribhadra's *Dhūrtākhyāna* edited by Ācārya Jinavijayaṇi in the Singhi Jain Series No. 19. See also Dr. Upadhye's paper 'Hariṣeṇa's *Dharmaparikṣā* in Apabhraṃśa' in the Silver Jubilee Number of the *Annals of the B. O. R. I.*, vol. XXIII, pp. 592-608.



towards all creatures, hospitality to all and an altruistic disposition.<sup>1</sup> The four gifts of protection, food, medicine and religious instruction, which constitute the groundwork of Jaina charity, are duly emphasized by Somadeva in connection with the customary vows of a Jaina householder.<sup>2</sup> It is, however, necessary to point out a certain parochial attitude noticeable in the matter of according hospitality and rendering charitable assistance to persons who were not adherents of the Jaina faith. Somadeva distinctly says that those who do not possess the Three Jewels, that is, do not believe in the fundamental Jaina dogmas of Right Faith, Right Knowledge and Right Conduct, are not eligible for gifts; and that charity practised in favour of those who hold wrong views and indulge in wrong conduct, that is, all who are outside the pale of Jainism, leads only to evil consequences, like the feeding of serpents with milk. Hospitality towards such people should be limited to a residual portion of food to be taken away, as a Jaina layman is forbidden to entertain them in his house. He is also asked to keep at arm's length members of other communities such as the Buddhists, the Śaivas and the Brāhmaṇas who perform sacrifices lest familiarity with them should lead to friction and disputes ending in violence.<sup>3</sup> Isolation rather than amity based on free social intercourse was the object aimed at in inter-communal relations.

Jaina writers often attack the Hindu caste system, and we need refer only to the strictures of Jaṭasimhanandi on the theory of castes in his *Varāṅgacarita* 25. 2 ff. It is, however, well-known that the caste system is prevalent among the present-day Jains almost to the same extent as among the Hindus; and it has been said that 'in practice the modern Jaina is as fast bound as his Hindu brother in the iron fetters of caste.'<sup>4</sup> Evidence recorded by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* goes to show that conditions were not far different in the tenth century. He says, for instance, that the three higher castes are alone eligible for religious initiation, while all the four including the Śūdras are fit to receive gifts of food.<sup>5</sup> The status of

1 See Chap. XI.

2 See Chap. X, section XV.

3 For the relevant verses see Chap. X, section XV.

4 In Dharwar, for example, Jain Kshatriyas have disappeared, but Jain Brāhmaṇas, Vaiśyas and Śūdras remain. Jain Śūdras are also called Jain Caturthas [?]. There are various restrictions on interdining. 'If Karnatak Jains go to Gujarat they do not dine with Gujarat Jains, nor, when they come to Dharwar, do Gujarat Jains dine with local Jains'. *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. XXII, p. 117.

5 'दीक्षायोग्यात्मनो वर्णाश्रमवारम् विधोचिताः' *Yasastilaka*, Book VIII, section 43. A marginal note in Ms. A says: शूद्रजैनानामपि विधा आहार उचितो दीयते इत्यर्थः.

the Jaina Śūdras does not appear to have been more favourable than that of their brethren in Hindu society.

It was impossible for Jainism to remain unaffected by the influences of local customs, beliefs and cults. Ample testimony is borne to this by diverse religious customs such as the burning of the dead and the offering of rice-balls to the crows on the tenth day, the belief in ghosts and spirits, and the worship of various deities, like Padmāvati.<sup>1</sup> Cakreśvari, Padmāvati, Ambikā and Siddhāyikā are, in fact, well-known goddesses of popular Jainism.<sup>2</sup> Of these Somadeva mentions Siddhāyikā as 'a city goddess who has inspired faith in many people' and refers to the pleasance dedicated to her as a refuge for all creatures, in *Yasastilaka*, Book I.<sup>3</sup>

Medieval Jaina religious Canon seems to have sanctioned, or at least not to have opposed, the observance of local customs and practices. Somadeva says, for instance, that the religion of Jaina householders is of two varieties, *laukika* and *pāralaukika*: the former is based on popular usage and the latter on the scriptures.<sup>4</sup> The castes, he continues, are without a beginning and so are their observances; it is immaterial whether the Jaina Scriptures or any other *Sāstras* are accepted as an authoritative guide with regard to them.<sup>5</sup> Somadeva sums up by observing that it is legitimate for Jains to follow any custom or practice sanctioned by popular usage so long as it does not come into conflict with the fundamental principles of the Jaina faith or the moral and disciplinary vows.<sup>6</sup> Such views no doubt

1 Sharma: *Jainism and Karnataka Culture*, p. 145 ff. The Dharwar Jains are said to have as their family gods Cakreśvara, Dharapendra and his wife Padmāvati, Lakṣmi-Nārāyaṇa [?], and Kṣetrapāla, whom the head of the family daily worships. They go on pilgrimage to the shrine of Padmāvati at Hombas in Mysore. *Bombay Gazetteer* (op. cit.), p. 118.

2 For Ambikā see *Journal of the University of Bombay*, Vol. IX. Part 2, p. 147 ff. She is represented in sculpture, painting and religious texts with two children and a lion as her vehicle. The latter feature makes her akin to the Brāhmanical goddess Ambikā or Durgā, although the mythological background is altogether different. Nevertheless she too has a grim aspect, and is invoked in Jaina Tantric texts as Śivā, Candikā, Aghorā etc. Ambikā is still worshipped in Jaina temples in various parts of the country. There was a temple of Ambikā famous as a place of Jaina pilgrimage at Kodinār in South Kāthiāvāḍa. *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. I, part I, p. 182.

3 'तदेवमनेकलोकोत्पादितप्रलयायाः पुरदेव्याः सिद्धाविकायाः सर्वसत्त्वामयप्रदावासरसं सरसौमनसं नामोपानम्'. P.107.

4 दो हि धर्मो गृहस्थानां लौकिकः पारलौकिकः । लोकामयो भवेदाद्यः परः स्वादागमाद्यः ॥ Book VIII, Section 34.

5 जातयोऽनाद्यः सर्वास्तत्क्रियाणि तथाविधा । कृतिः शास्त्रान्तरं वास्तु प्रमाणं कात्र नः कृतिः ॥ Ibid.

6 सर्वं यद्य हि जैनानां प्रमाणं लौकिको विधिः । यत्र सम्यक्त्वहानिर्न यत्र न व्रतद्वयम् ॥ Ibid.

imply a recognition of well-established facts and the unescapable influence of social environment rather than any liberalism in the Jaina religious outlook. Further, as we have already pointed out, Jaina religious opinion was lenient in regard to those adherents of the faith who could not wholly discard their former beliefs and practices, and this, too, seems to have facilitated the infiltration of non-Jaina elements into Jaina social and religious usage. Moreover, co-existence with Brahmanism for centuries appears to have influenced Jaina religious practice in various other directions. Somadeva describes, for instance, the five Yajñas for the Jaina householder, and these are clearly modelled on the five Brahmanical Mahāyajñas, although by Yajña he seems to mean *dāna*, as explained in a marginal note in Manuscript A.<sup>1</sup> It has also been pointed out that certain Rāṣṭrakūṭa documents, viz. the Konnur inscription of Amoghavarṣa I and the Surat plates of Karkka, which record grants made for Jaina establishments, make provision *inter alia* for such typically Hindu religious rites as *balicarudāna*, *vaiśvadeva*, and *agnihotra*.<sup>2</sup> It is no doubt surprising to find provision made for these rites in grants allocated to Jaina temples and monasteries, but there seems to be no reason to suppose that the rites in question were 'introduced in these records by the oversight of the imperial secretariat'. Considered in the light of Somadeva's observations cited above, the rites mentioned in the two inscriptions could perhaps be legitimately performed by Jains so long as they did not involve any animal sacrifice, and we seem to find here another instance of Jaina adaptation of non-Jaina practices. With regard to *agnihotra*, the Jains were no doubt opposed to the Brahmanical rite, but evidence furnished by South Indian Jaina literature clearly shows that the Jains were not opposed to fire ritual, as such. In a learned note published in the *Jaina Antiquary* Vol. VI, No. II, p. 64, we are told that in Tamil the term *Velvi* is always used to denote fire ritual, while the expression *Veda-Velvi* is used in ancient Tamil literature in the sense of Vedic sacrifice. "Whenever the term *Velvi* is used alone, it merely means fire ritual without involving animal sacrifice. Such a fire ritual has never been condemned by Jains, while they were staunchly opposed to Vedic sacrifice on the ground of Ahimsa. Even now among the Tamil Jains fire ritual is a common thing. During their marriages they do have the characteristic marriage Homam with all its necessary details. Even in temple worship it is a common practice among the south Indian Jains. Hence it is entirely erroneous to conclude that fire ritual is foreign to Jains and that it could not be performed or attended by a Jaina". We are also told that the term in the Tamil

<sup>1</sup> आवेशिकाभितरातिदीनात्मसु यथाक्रमम् । यथोचितं यथाकारं यथापञ्चकमाचरेत् ॥ Book VIII, section 43.

<sup>2</sup> Altekar: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and their times*, p. 314.

epic *Silappadikāram* for such a rite is "*Arravelvi*, fire sacrifice, according to the doctrine of Ahimsa".

The process of infiltration of non-Jaina elements in Jaina religious practice must have set in before the tenth century, and the gradual transformation of Jainism was already at work when Somadeva formally recognised it and tried to bring it into harmony with the orthodox position of the faith.

#### OTHER FAITHS

Somadeva attacks various non-Jaina faiths in *Yasastilaka* which not only throws light on the religious conflict in the tenth century but on the different sects prevalent at the time. The main attacks are directed against Śaivism and its different forms, popular Brahmanism, Vedic sacrifices, the Buddhists and the Ājīvakas.

#### ŚAIVISM—DAKṢIṆA MĀRGA

The relations between Śaivism and Jainism are of paramount importance in view of the prolonged conflict of the two religions particularly in the Tamil country and the Deccan. The main doctrinal points at issue between the two systems have been discussed in previous Chapters; and we may here deal with the place of Śaivism in the religious life of the country in the tenth century and thereabouts. Somadeva, as we have seen, speaks of two broad divisions of Śaivism, the *Dakṣiṇa Mārga* and *Vāma Mārga*. The latter *mārga* represents the grosser form of Śaivism or rather Tantricism; while the former may be said to constitute Śaivism proper.

The Śaiva system recognises three fundamental concepts: Pati, Paśu and Pāśa. Pati is Śiva himself, the lord of the Paśus or creatures who are bound by the Pāśas or fetters. These are five or rather four: Mala (nescience or mental darkness), Karma, Māyā and the world produced by it, and the obscuring power of Śiva.<sup>1</sup> The latter has the power both to bind and release, but release cannot be had without undergoing the consequences of one's Karma. Śiva, accordingly, creates the world to enable the creatures to serve out the full term of their Karma. Ever merciful, he assumes the rôle of a preceptor (*ācārya*), and accords initiation (*dikṣā*), preliminary to final release, to those who have destroyed their

1 'मलं कर्म च माया च मायोत्पन्नमखिलं जगत् । तिरोधानकरी शक्तिरपेक्षमुच्यते ॥' quoted in comm. on *Tattvapraśāna* 1. 5. 'मलोऽज्ञानं पशुत्वं च तिरस्कारकरस्मः । अविद्या साकृतिर्नृणां पर्यायास्तस्य बाधकाः ॥' quoted from *Kiraṇa*. Ibid. 1. 17.

Karma.<sup>1</sup> Emancipation consists in union with or absorption in Śiva (*Śivamānandā, śhyujya*).<sup>2</sup>

The Dakṣiṇa Mārga, as interpreted by Somadeva, seems to represent a sort of monistic system under the influence of Vedāntic ideas. Śiva is regarded as the sole ultimate reality, but the system postulates also thirty-six Tattvas or Principles which last till the dissolution of the creation.<sup>3</sup> They are Śiva, Śakti, Sadāśiva (the volitional aspect of Śiva), Īśvara (the active aspect of Śiva) and Śuddha-vidyā (the omniscient aspect of Śiva); Māyā, Kālā, Niyati (the law regulating the nature of things), Kālā (the urge to activity in creatures), Vidyā (intuition), Rāga (desire including the higher impulse) and Puruṣa; and Prakṛti, Buddhi, Ahankāra, Manas, the ten Indriyas, the five Tanmātras and the five elements. It is important to note that Māyā is the constituent material which Śiva stirs into action with his Śaktis in order to create the universe.<sup>4</sup> The universe is accordingly compared to a magic show,<sup>5</sup> and Śiva is spoken of as identical with Māyā and its product, the universe.<sup>6</sup> In the ultimate resort Śiva is declared to be the sole Reality<sup>7</sup> and the Supreme Principle, in which is reflected the universe composed of the thirty-six Principles, just as a town or a village is reflected in a large mirror.<sup>8</sup> Śiva is the supreme, deathless Absolute (Brahma), the one and the true, subject to no change or modification, self-luminous and beyond the range of mind and speech. He is accompanied by Māyā, and Māyā is at the root of the creation; it is the indestructible germ of the universe, and inspired by Śiva.<sup>9</sup> The principle

1 *Tattvapraśāda* 1. 15; 6. 2.

2 *Ibid.* 2. 16.

3 आत्मन्यं तिष्ठति यत् सर्वेषां भोगदायि भूतानाम् । तत् तत्त्वमिति प्रोक्तं न शरीरमदादि तत्त्वमतः ॥ *Tattvapraśāda* 6. 3. In 5. 7 it is stated that Māyā, Puruṣa and Śiva continue to exist after the dissolution of the Tattvas, and creation starts again.

4 असत् स्वतः सदाभासमिन्द्रजालं यथा तथा । तां मायां शक्तिमिः स्वाभिविद्योऽप्य परमेश्वरः ॥ स्वकर्मोनुशृणुं सृष्टिं करोति कल्पानिधिः ॥ *Īśānavagurudevapaddhati* (*Kriyāpāda*) 1. 87, 88. Cf. *Tattvapraśāda* 3. 3.

5 इत्थं मायादिपुण्यन्तैर्मियो नास्तिमिलक्षणैः । अशुद्धाध्वनि निष्पन्नमिन्द्रजालोपमं जगत् ॥ *Īśānavagurudevapaddhati* (*Kriyāpāda*), p. 15.

6 The comm. on *Tattvapraśāda* 1. 18 says: ज्ञानस्वभाव ध्यायमात्मा शिवः मायातत्त्वार्थोत्पन्नावभासते । ततः स एव तदुत्पत्तिरिति । ...तदुत्पत्तीवरणीतायात्—स एव मूलप्रकृतिः प्रचलनः पुरुषोऽपि च । विकारा महादादीनि देवदेवः सनातनः ॥

7 तत्त्वं वस्तुतः एकं शिवसंज्ञं चित्रशक्तिशतख्यितम् । *Tattvapraśāda* 2. 13.

8 सर्वविकल्पविहीनं शुद्धं ज्ञानं व्ययोदयविहीनम् । यत् परतत्त्वं तस्मिन् विभाति वद्विज्ज्ञातम् जगत् ॥ दर्पणविम्बे यद्वज्रगरामादि चित्रमविभाति । भाति विभागेनैव च परस्परं दर्पणादपि च ॥ Quoted from a śaivaśāstra in Śrīkumāra's comm. on *Tattvapraśāda* 1. 18.

9 Cf. ब्रह्मसमवर्तं ब्रह्म सत्यमेकमविजितम् । ...सदात्मकं सर्वज्योतिरवाञ्जनसगोचरम् । मायासहायं तत् प्राहुः शिवतत्त्वं मनीषिणः ॥ Quoted from सिद्धान्तहृदय in comm. on *Tattvapraśāda* 2. 5. Also 'मायातत्त्वं जगदीजमविनाशं शिवात्मकम्' quoted from सार्वभूत in *Īśānavagurudevapaddhati* (*Kriyāpāda*), chap. 2.

of Advaita is, on the whole, consistently maintained; and when Śiva is described as appearing in the form of Māyā and its product, the universe, it is to be understood that the transformation is apparent and not real. The Śaiva system recognises *vivarta* and not *pariṇāma*.<sup>1</sup>

The Śaiva doctrines corresponding to the *Dakṣiṇa mārga* mentioned by Somadeva are formulated in Bhoja's *Tattvaparakāśa* and the *Īśānaśivagurudevapaddhati*, an encyclopedic treatise, which quotes Bhoja's work, Jayanta's *Nyāyamañjari* and numerous other Śaiva works and authors, and may be assigned to the latter half of the eleventh century or thereabouts. It is noteworthy that the kind of Śaivism represented in the latter compilation is of the ritualistic and mystic type, due importance being given to *Mantradikṣā* and *Kriyācaryā* or ritual. The history of medieval Śaivism is yet to be written, but it is this form of Śaivism that seems to have been prevalent in Somadeva's time. The quotations and references in the *Īśānaśivagurudevapaddhati* show that there was a vast amount of Śaiva religious literature extant in the tenth and eleventh centuries. The *Svāyambhuva Tantra* quoted in the *Paddhati* enumerates twentyeight Tantras or Āgamas which expound the doctrines of the Śaiva system, there being two groups of ten and eighteen. The first group consists of *Kāmika*, *Yogaja*, *Acintya*, *Kāraṇa*, *Ajita*, *Dipta*, *Sūkṣma*, *Sahara*, *Aṁsumat*, and *Suprabhedaka*, collectively known as the *Sivabheda Tantras*. The second group of Āgamas or Tantras includes *Vijaya*, *Niḥśvāsa*, *Prodgita*, *Pārameśvara*, *Āgneya*, *Mukhabimba*, *Svāyambhuva*, *Raurava*, *Mākuṭa*, *Kiraṇa*, *Lambita*, *Candrajñāna*, *Virabhadra*, *Siddha*, *Sāntānika*, *Sarvodgita*, *Vimala* and *Vātūla*, collectively known as the *Rudrabhedaka Tantras*. A further quotation from the *Svāyambhuva* mentions a four-fold division of the Śaiva scriptures into *Śaiva Tantra*, *Pāśupata*, *Vā (Lā) kula* and *Somatantra*:<sup>2</sup> and it is stated that Śiva delivers the pure among the creatures from misery by means of these four varieties of Tantras with the help of proper ritual knowledge and Yoga<sup>3</sup>. The element of Yoga was important in the Śaiva system, and involved intense faith in and devotion to Śiva, in other words, *bhaktiyoga*, which was no doubt the mainspring of popular Śaivism. The emotional appeal of *bhakti* is illustrated in the fervent hymn to Śiva

1 Śrīkumāra (op. cit.) says न च...शिवस्य परिणामित्वमिति वाच्यं विवर्तवादादभ्युपगमात्.

2 The Śaiva Tantra represents the Śaiva system proper. The Pāśupata and Lākula, if this is the correct reading, may be regarded as variations of the Pāśupata system. Somatantra seems to be same as Somasiddhānta or the Kāpālika system.

3 दीक्षादित्युक्तिवाच्यार्थाज्ञानयोगैर्गोहेभ्यः । दुःखपद्माद् भवाम्भोवेस्तारयत्यमलानपू ॥

composed by the Cedi king Yuvarājadeva II, which is preserved for us in the Bilhari inscription of the rulers of Cedi.<sup>1</sup>

The Śaiva system proclaimed the paramount character of the Dharma propounded by Śiva. There was a notable revival of Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika studies in the ninth and tenth centuries,<sup>2</sup> and the Vaiśeṣika system laid great stress on the cultivation of Dharma. The idea appealed to the Śaiva teachers who admitted the necessity of Dharma for the attainment of salvation, but contended that the Śaiva creed, and not the various other Dharmas propounded by the different scriptures, constituted the paramount Dharma. The *Īśānaśivagurudevapaddhati* (*Kriyāpāda*, 1. 4 ff.) quotes the first of the Vaiśeṣika sūtras and says:

अथातो धर्ममिच्छादिसुखाद् वैशेषिकादतः । धर्ममयोजनं मोक्षः प्रोक्तवान्मुदयो महात् ॥  
धर्मो बहुविधाः क्वाणालसत्तदागमचोदिताः । न हि ते मुख्यधर्माः स्युर्मुख्यधर्माः शिष्योदिताः ॥  
मायाविकारस्तीनेन विमुक्त्येनामकात्मना । सर्वकर्त्रा शिवेनोक्तं तार्क्ष्यं मुख्यं हि सर्वथा ॥

#### ŚAIVA MATTHAS AND TEACHERS

The Śaiva system was expounded and taught in the *Matthas* or monasteries many of which were in existence in central and western India in the tenth century or thereabouts. The Karhad plates of Kṛṣṇa III issued in 959 A. D. record the grant of a village to a teacher named Gaganasīva, described as a great ascetic proficient in all the *Sivasiddhāntas*. He was the pupil of the Ācārya Īśānasīva, the head of the Valkalesvara Maṭha in Karahāṭa (modern Karhād in the Satara district);<sup>3</sup> and the purpose of the grant was the maintenance of the ascetics who lived at the place. It may be assumed that the Valkalesvara Maṭha was large and important enough to have attracted the notice of the Rāṣtrakūṭa emperor.

A teacher named Gaganasīvacārya, described as an ornament to the spiritual lineage of the sage Durvāsas, is mentioned in a Kanarese inscription issued by Dattālpendra Śrīmāra, a king of the Ālupa family which ruled for many centuries in the Tuluva country corresponding to the modern district of South Kanara and part of North Kanara. The subject of the record is the grant of a plot of land in Kārkala in favour of the Maṭha

1 समदकारिषदाभिः किं किमज्ञानानामिदमशयनलीलां भावयन्तीमिराभिः । कनकद्वारगवासोरसजातेनं कृत्यं न हि भवति भवानीवकृतमस्मार्चनं चेत् ॥ Verse 74. (किमिह) बहुभिरुक्तैर्नाम सर्वस्य हेतुर्भवतु भवति नित्यं अकिञ्चिदो गो मयैकः । सकलमुक्तविशेषाद् यत्र पीयूषवर्षः स्वयमनुभवगम्यो जायते त्वत्प्रसादात् ॥ Verse 76. Yuvarājadeva II reigned about the last quarter of the tenth century A. D.

2 See Chapters VIII and IX.

3 'करहाडीवक्कळेभरसमपति'.



to which Gaganaśiva belonged.<sup>1</sup> If the Gaganaśiva mentioned in the inscription, which is not dated, is the same as the teacher named in the Karhad grant of Kṛṣṇa III, it may be presumed that the Valkaleśvara Maṭha had a branch in South Kanara, of which Gaganaśiva was the head. It is noteworthy that Gaganaśiva is called in the Karhad grant not the abbot of Valkaleśvara, but a disciple of the abbot Īśanaśiva. It is possible that the latter was the head of the maṭha in Karahāṭa and the former of the branch in Tuḷuva. It may be added that the Ālupa kings were Śaivas, and Śaivism was the predominant religion in Tuḷuva from about the seventh to the thirteenth century, when the Vaiṣṇava movement initiated by Ānandatīrtha came to the fore.<sup>2</sup>

A few years after the Karhad grant of Kṛṣṇa III we find an ascetic named Prabodhaśiva founding a Śaiva Maṭha in central India, at Chandrehe in Rewa State, then within the dominions of the Cedi kings of Tripuri. The relevant inscription is dated in the Kalacuri year 724 corresponding to 972 A. D., and engraved on slabs built into a wall of the monastery, the remains of which still exist at Chandrehe.<sup>3</sup> The edifice is of considerable size and partly two-storeyed, but the upper storey has for the most part collapsed. Still it is 'a very favourable specimen of Hindu civil or domestic architecture' with spacious rooms and smaller chambers.

Two other Śaiva monasteries built during the rule of the Cedi kings, those of Vaidyanātha and Nauhaleśvara or Nohaleśvara, are earlier than the one at Chandrehe. According to the Bilhari inscription of the rulers of Cedi,<sup>4</sup> the Vaidyanātha-maṭha was presented to a teacher named Hṛdayaśiva by Lakṣmaṇarāja who ruled about the middle of the tenth century, being the son and successor of Yuvarājadeva I, who has been assigned to the first half of the same century. The Nauhaleśvara Maṭha was also accepted by Hṛdayaśiva, but made over by him to his disciple Aghoraśiva (vv. 57-8). As noted towards the end of the inscription, the *prasasti* seems to have been put up at the Nohaleśvara Maṭha by Aghoraśiva; and the monastery no doubt existed at Bilhari, in the Jubbulpore district, where the inscription is said to have been found. The Maṭha derived its name from Nohalā, the queen of Yuvarājadeva I, and was obviously attached to the Siva temple caused to be built by her, as stated in the inscription (v. 40).

1 Saletore. *Ancient Karnataka*, Vol. I, p. 388.

2 Saletore (op. cit.), Chapter V.

3 See R. D Banerji: *The Haihayas of Tripuri and their monuments*.

4 *Bp. Ind.* Vol. I, p. 251.

The Bilhari inscription of Prabodhasīva at Chandrehe and another record of his discovered at Gurgi,<sup>1</sup> in Rewa State, throw light on an influential order of Śaiva monks known as the Mattamayūra family, who propagated the faith in many parts of western and central India from about the ninth to the eleventh century. Prabodhasīva who founded the Chandrehe monastery was a disciple of Praśantaśīva. The latter built a hermitage (*āśrama*, *siddhaśthāna*), on the banks of the Śoṇa river at the foot of the Bhramara mountain, and a retreat for the practice of austerities (*tapassthāna*) on the Ganges, which was held in high esteem by the people of Benares who were devout worshippers of Śiva. Praśantaśīva is called the ornament of the Mattamayūra family in the Gurgi inscription, and was the disciple of Prabhāvaśīva. The latter was induced to settle in the Cedi country by Yuvarājadeva I and was presented with a Maṭha built at an enormous cost (*ananta-dhana-pratiṣṭham*). Similarly, Lakṣmaṇarāja, who gave the Vaidyanātha monastery to Hṛdayaśīva, is described as having brought the sage 'by manifesting his devotion to him by means of presents sent through honest messengers.' The services of the Mattamayūra monks appear to have been freely requisitioned by the Cedi kings, who placed rich maṭhas at their disposal for the propagation of the Śaiva faith.

Prabhāvaśīva was the disciple of Śikhāśīva or Cūḍāśīva, who, according to the Chandrehe inscription, was the disciple of Purandara of the holy Mattamayūra family, 'the preceptor of kings'. The latter may be said to have initiated the activities of the Mattamayūra organisation; and to judge from the succession of teachers and disciples, he must have lived not later than the end of the ninth century. An inscription found at Ranod or Narod in Gwalior State, about half-way between Jhansi and Guna, and assigned on palaeographic grounds to the end of the tenth or the beginning of the eleventh century, gives some information about this distinguished teacher.<sup>2</sup> A king named Avantivarman, who visited Purandara at Upendrapura (Uṇḍor), and was initiated by him in the Śaiva faith, persuaded the sage to migrate to his kingdom; and there in the city of Mattamayūra, Purandara founded a Maṭha and another establishment at Raṇipadra, identified with Ranod. Raṇipadra seems to have been a religious centre as it is called a *tapovana*, also a *Yatyāśrama* in the Ranod inscription (vv. 15, 17 59.). There still exists an old building at Ranod, with an open cloister in front of it with rooms at each end, which most probably served the purpose of

1 The inscriptions of Prabodhasīva are edited and translated in Banerji (op. cit.), App. C.

2 *Ep. Ind.* Vol. I, p. 351 ff.

a Maṭha or residence for monks. It is noteworthy that there are two tanks close to each other outside the courtyard; and one of them might be the tank elaborately described in the Ranod inscription, and said to have been excavated by a teacher named Vyomaśiva. The latter seems to have lived about the middle of the tenth century, as there is a succession of three teachers between him and Purandara: Kavacaśiva, Sadāśiva and Hṛdayeśa. Of them Sadāśiva is said to have practised austerities at Raṇipadra (v. 17). The town and the Maṭha seem to have fallen on evil days at a later date; and it was Vyomaśiva who restored the town to its former prosperity, repaired and improved the dilapidated monastery, installed images of Śaiva divinities, and founded the tank with temples and gardens attached to it (vv. 29, 30, 43, 44).

Madhumatī, in Mālava, was another important Śaiva religious centre in the tenth century. In the Gurgi inscription of Prabodhaśiva, Madhumatī is described as the abode of the Saiddhāntikas or Śaivas; and it was in fact one of the centres of the Mattamayūra monks. Cūḍāśiva or Sikhāśiva, who was, as already mentioned, a disciple of Purandara, is called Madhumatī-pati, 'Lord of Madhumatī', in the Chandrehe inscription. Hṛdayaśiva, who accepted monasteries from Lakṣmaṇarāja, and one of whose predecessors is stated to be Mattamayūranātha in the Bilhari inscription,<sup>1</sup> is described therein as having enhanced the reputation of the *Mādhumatēya-vamśa* or the family of the Madhumatī monks (v. 55). All this shows that the monks of Madhumatī represent a younger branch of the Mattamayūra line of Śaiva teachers.

The Ranod inscription gives the names of the predecessors of Purandara, the founder of the Mattamayūra lineage. They are Kadambaguhādhivāsin 'Resident of Kadambaguhā'; after him Śaṅkhamatīkādhipati 'Master of Śaṅkhamatīkā'; then Terambipāla 'Protector of Terambi'; and lastly, Āmardakatīrthanātha 'Lord of Āmardakatīrtha'. Terambi has been identified with Terahi, five miles to the south-east of Ranod, and Kadambaguhā with Kadwaia or Kadwāha, about six miles south of Terahi, and where there are even now some old temples and the ruins of many others. Kadambaguhā seems to have been an early centre of Śaivism where lived a long line of saints (*Siddhasantati*), according to the Bilhari inscription. The sage Rudraśambhu was their revered leader and his disciple was Mattamayūranātha 'The lord of Mattamayūra', who brought spiritual enlightenment to king Avantivarman.<sup>2</sup> This is a clear reference to Purandara,

<sup>1</sup> The spiritual pedigree is given as Rudraśambhu-Mattamayūranātha-Dharmaśambhu-Sadāśiva-Mādhumatēya-Cūḍāśiva-Hṛdayaśiva-Aghoraśiva.

<sup>2</sup> Verse 49. See Kielhorn's re-interpretation of the verse in *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. I, p. 353.

but in the Ranod inscription his immediate predecessor is said to be Amardakatirthanātha.

The town of Mattamayūra made so famous by the distinguished line of ascetics named after it has not been identified; but, as suggested by Kielhorn, it must have been somewhere in Central India. As already mentioned, most of the Maṭhas of the Mattamayūra sect were established in various parts of Central India, in the regions corresponding to Malwa, Gwalior State, Central Provinces and Rewa State. But the Mattamayūra monks appear to have gone further afield, and established a branch in Southern Konkan, as shown by the Kharepatan plates of Raṭṭarāja, dated in Śaka 930 = 1008 A. D.<sup>1</sup> Raṭṭa was a prince of the Śilāhāra family of Southern Konkan, a feudatory of the Cālukyan king Satyāśraya, the successor of Taila II. The inscription records the grant of certain villages to a learned teacher named Ātreya for the upkeep of the shrine of Avveśvara, for providing food and raiment to the resident ascetics and for the benefit of pupils (*Chātra*), learned men and guests. There was obviously a Maṭha attached to the shrine. Now, the donee Ātreya was a disciple of an ascetic named Ambhojaśambhu who belonged to the Karkaroṇi branch of the Mattamayūra family; and it is also stated that the yield of the villages granted was for the use of the learned Brahmācārins and Ācāryas of the said branch of the Mattamayūra line of ascetics.<sup>2</sup>

Another important Maṭha of the tenth century was the Golaki Maṭha in the Cedi country, but it does not appear to have been connected with the Mattamayūra line. Golaki or Golagi is said to be a contraction of Goḷagiri, and the Maṭha seems to have been in the neighbourhood of Tripurī, the Cedi capital (modern Tewar within six miles of Jubbulpur). According to the Malakāpuram pillar inscription of the Kākatiya queen Rudra Mahādevī, dated 1261 A. D., the Maṭha was founded by a Śaiva teacher named Sadbhava Śambhu who was patronized by Yuvarājadeva I of Tripurī, who, as mentioned above, ruled in the first half of the tenth century A. D.<sup>3</sup> The inscription mentioned above speaks of another teacher of the same line, named Soma Sambhu, who composed a work called *Somasambhupaddhati*, and had thousands of disciples, but his exact date cannot be determined, as it is not known how many generations separated him from the founder of the Maṭha. We are inclined to identify him with

<sup>1</sup> *Ep. Ind.* Vol. III, p. 292 ff.

<sup>2</sup> '*Mattamayūranvaya-Karkaroṇi-Saṁhita*'; '*Mattamayūranvayāntargata-Karkaroṇi-saṁhita*.'

<sup>3</sup> Cf. Mirashi: *Yuvarājadeva I of Tripurī* in *ABORI*, Vol. XI, p. 362.

the Soma Śambhu quoted several times in the *Isānavagurudevapaddhati* (*Kriyāpāda*), specially as the verses cited from him deal with ritual; and the *Somasambhupaddhati*, to judge from the title, must have been a work on ritual. If our identification of the two authors is correct, Soma Śambhu may be assigned to the latter half of the tenth or the first half of the eleventh century. It may be added that the succession of teachers at the Golaki Maṭha seems to have continued unbroken till 1261 A. D., the date of the Malakāpuram pillar inscription, which records the grant of a village to a celebrated Śaiva teacher named Viśveśvara Śambhu. The ramifications of the great Maṭha have, as a matter of fact, been traced, beyond the thirteenth century and the geographical limits of Tripurī, to the Tamil and Telugu lands.<sup>1</sup>

A very old Śaiva establishment, much earlier than the tenth century, and associated with the Pāsupata sect, appears to have existed at Kāyārohaṇa, also called Kārohaṇa and Kāravaṇa, identified with Kārvān in Dabhoi tāluka in Baroda State. The place is known also as Kāyāvatarāṇa or Kāyāvatāra. Kaunḍinya states in the introduction to his *Bhāṣya* on the *Pāsupatasūtras* that the Lord, assuming the form (*kāya*) of a Brāhmaṇa, became incarnate at Kāyāvatarāṇa, went on foot to Ujjain, and taught his doctrine to Bhagavat Kuśika. The reference here is to the tradition that the Pāsupata doctrine was revealed by Nakulīśa or Lakulīśa, the last of the the twenty-eight incarnations of Śiva.

The various incarnations of Śiva are mentioned in *Vāyupurāṇa* (chap. 23), *Līṅgapurāṇa* (chap. 24), *Śivapurāṇa* (*Vāyaviya-saṁhitā* II, chap. 10) and in *Kūrmapurāṇa* in the last chapter of the first part. The Avatāras begin with Śveta and end with Lakulin; and they are called *Yogācāryas* in the *Śivapurāṇa*. The *Vāyu* and *Līṅga-purāṇas*, which give the more detailed account, mention Kāyārohaṇa or Kāyāvatāra as the place where Lakulin manifested himself, along with such famous sites as the Kālāñjara mountain and the Prabhāsa Tīrtha where certain other Avatāras of Śiva are said to have revealed themselves. The *Līṅgapurāṇa* makes in this connection particular mention of Pāsupata Vrata, and declares its superiority to Sāṁkhya or the Pāñcarātra discipline. Kārohaṇa is glorified also in the *Kāravaṇa-māhātmya*, a work of unknown date, which declares it to be a Tīrtha as sacred as Benares and Prayāga; and tells us that Lakulin here merged

<sup>1</sup> For the Golaki Maṭha see Saletore: *Ancient Karmāṭaka*, Vol. I, p. 362 ff. In a record found in the Madras Presidency, the Kalacuri king Yuvarājadeva is stated to have donated three lakhs of villages to Sadbhava Śambhu, the head of the Golaki Maṭha. See *Amodā Plates of the Haihaya king Prthivīdeva* in *Ep. Ind.* Vol. XIX, p. 75 ff.

himself in the Brahmesvara Līṅga.<sup>1</sup> The characteristic emblems of Lakulin, a staff in the left hand and a citron in the right, are mentioned in this work.<sup>2</sup>

An interesting link between Kārvān and the ancient founder of the Pāśupata system is provided by two *līṅgas* with the figure of Lakulin sculptured in front: one of them is in the temple of Nakleśvar, and the other in that of Rājrajesvar, both at Kārvān.<sup>3</sup> Līṅgas with one or four faces of Śiva carved against the līṅga pillar are quite common, and were installed in temples dedicated to Śiva. It appears, however, that *līṅgas* with the figure of Lakulin carved on them were also installed, evidently by members of the Pāśupata sect.

The Purāṇic texts mentioned above assign four disciples to each of the twenty-eight Avatāras of Śiva. Those of Lakulin are stated to be Kuśika, Garga, Mitra and Kauruṣya. Important light on the date of Lakulin and Kuśika is thrown by the Mathura Pillar Inscription of Candragupta II dated in Gupta era 61=380-81 A. D.<sup>4</sup> The inscription records the installation of two *līṅgas* called Kapileśvara and Upamiteśvara by a Śaiva teacher named Uditācārya whose pedigree is given. He is described as fourth in succession from Bhagavat Parāśara and tenth from Bhagavat Kuśika. Upamita and Kapila are two other teachers mentioned in the record. Bhagavat Kuśika is no doubt the same as the first disciple of Lakulin mentioned in Kaundinya's *Bhāṣya* on the *Pāśupatasūtras* and the Purāṇic texts. If Uditācārya (380-81 A. D.) is tenth in succession from Kuśika, the pupil of Lakulin, and we allot a certain number of years to each succeeding teacher, Lakulin and Kuśika cannot possibly be later than the second century A. D. The Pāśupata centre at Kārvān was thus established sometime in the second century A. D., and Uditācārya's inscription shows that Pāśupata teachers carried on their activities at Mathura in the fourth century A. D. The epigraph tells us that Uditācārya installed

1 The *Kāraṇya-māhātmya* is printed as an appendix to *Gaṇakārikā* (G. O. S.). 'Kārvān seems to have suffered great desecration at the hands of the Musalmans. All round the village, chiefly under pipal trees, images and pieces of sculpture and large *līṅgas* lie scattered. To the north and east of the village on the banks of a large built pond called Kāśikuṇḍa are numerous sculptures and *līṅgas*. *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. I, Pt. I, p. 83.

2 शिवः स भगवान् तत्र कायकूपी महेश्वरः । येन कावावतारोऽसौ तेनेर्द कायरोहणम् ॥ असिदण्डधरो वामे दक्षिणे बीजपूरकम् । ब्रह्मलिङ्गे महादेवि अहमपि लय गतः ॥

3 See D. R. Bhandarkar: *Mathura Pillar Inscription of Candragupta II* in *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XXI.

4 Ibid.

the *lingas*, Upamiteśvara and Kapileśvara, obviously named after the teachers Upamita and Kapila, in a place called *guru-āyatana*, which seems to mean a 'Teachers' shrine', where such memorial *lingas* appear to have been placed for worship. It is possible that such shrines belonging to the Pāsupata sect existed at other places besides Mathura.

Uditācārya, as stated above, traces his descent to Kuśika, the first disciple of Lakulin. Another line of teachers who trace their descent to Garga, the second disciple of Lakulin, is mentioned in the Cintra Prasasti of the reign of Śārangadeva of Gujarat, composed in 1287 A. D. at Somanāthapattana, or Prabhāsa, the famous Śaiva Tirtha, in Kathiawar.<sup>1</sup> It is stated that Śiva became incarnate as Bhaṭṭāraka Lakulīśa, the reputed founder of the Pāsupata system, at Kārohaṇa in the Lāṭa country. He had four pupils named Kuśika, Gārgya, Kauruṣa and Maitreya, who set themselves to practise particular Pāsupata vows. From them originated four branches or families of ascetics, and to the line established by Gārgya (*gārgyagotra*) belonged the abbot (*sthānādhipa*) Karttikarāśi, his disciple Vālmīkirāśi and the latter's disciple Tripurāntaka. These teachers lived in the thirteenth century, but they belonged to an ancient line of Pāsupata ascetics, and were apparently abbots in succession of some Maṭha in Gujarat.

The tradition recorded above appears to be mentioned also in an inscription of the reign of Naravāhana, king of Mewar, the ancient Madapāṭa, dated 972 A. D.<sup>2</sup> The inscription is mutilated, but there are clear references to Kāyāvarohaṇa and Śiva with a *lakula* (staff) in his hand, that is Lakulin or Lakulīśa, and Kuśika and other sages. The object of the inscription seems to be to record the building of a temple of Lakulīśa<sup>3</sup> somewhere in Mewar. It is engraved on a slab built into the wall of a temple called Nāthā's Mandir near Ekaliṅgaji's temple, a few miles north of Udaipur. It is obvious that temples of Lakulīśa existed in the tenth century; and an old temple of Lakulīśa is found also at Badāmi, as mentioned below.

The Pāsupata, as noted in Chapter IX, was an influential school of thought in the tenth century, and Pāsupata teachers played an important part in the religious life of Mysore in the eleventh and twelfth centuries.<sup>4</sup>

1 *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. I, p. 271.

2 *A Collection of Prakrit and Sanskrit Inscriptions* published by the Bhavanagar Archaeological Department, p. 70.

3 'लकुलीशदेवस्य विमलचन्द्रदीपनं करितम्'

4 See below.



The influence of Pāsupata teachers and Maṭhas can also be traced elsewhere in the country. Kalhana tells us in *Rājatarangini* 5. 404 that the king of Kashmir Cakravarman (935 A. D.) constructed a lodge for the Pāsupatas called the Cakra-maṭha, which, being half built at the time of his murder, was completed afterwards by his widow. Turning to the south, we find that, a few years later, an inscription of the thirtysixth year of the reign of the Cola king Parāntaka I (907-953 A. D.) records a grant of land for the maintenance of certain attendants and offerings in a temple, and for feeding the Śivayogins and the Māheśvaras on the seven festival days beginning with the asterism of Mūla.<sup>1</sup> Here the Sivayogins obviously refer to the Śaivas, and the Māheśvaras appear to be Pāsupatas, as Śaṅkara in his Bhāṣya on the *Vedāntasūtras* II. 2. 37 refers to the latter as Māheśvaras.

An inscription of the reign of Kumārapāla of Gujarat, dated 1169 A. D., throws interesting light on the career of a distinguished Pāsupata teacher named Bhāva-Bṛhaspati *alias* Gaṇḍa. The inscription is engraved on a large stone in the side wall near the door of the temple of Bhadrakālī at Somanāthapaṭṭana, and tells us that he was a native of Benares and belonged to the Gārgeya-vaṃśa, that is, to the spiritual lineage of Gārgya, one of the original founders of the Pāsupata sect. Bhāva-Bṛhaspati left Benares on a tour of pilgrimage and came to Dhārā, and the Paramāra kings are said to have become his disciples. He practised austerities in Mālava and Kanauj and efficiently managed Maṭhas.<sup>2</sup> Subsequently he came to Gujarat where he cultivated the friendship of the reigning king Jayasimha Siddharāja. The great achievement of Bhāva-Bṛhaspati was the restoration of the famous temple of Somanātha under the patronage of the next king Kumārapāla, who richly rewarded him for rebuilding the dilapidated edifice.<sup>3</sup>

A Pāsupata Maṭha, much earlier than the thirteenth century, existed on Mount Abu in Rajputana. An inscription, dated Samvat 1342 (1285 A. D.), which records the genealogy of the Sisodia kings of Chitore, tells us that the Maṭha on the hill-top was repaired by Rājā Samarasimha who also equipped it with a golden flag-staff at the request of a Śaiva ascetic named Bhāvaśaṅkara. The latter was a disciple of Bhāvāgni, a Pāsupata ascetic who was formerly the abbot (*sthānādhiśa*) of the Maṭha.

1 N. K. Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, P. 434.

2 'सम्पद्यताः पालिताः'

3 *A Collection of Prakrit and Sanskrit Inscriptions* (op. cit.), p. 186.

The establishment was considered very old at the time of the inscription which calls it *andhi*.<sup>1</sup>

The active influence of a faith is best illustrated by the temples devoted to its cultus; and of no other faith is this so true as of Śaivism during several centuries in India. Some of the most important shrines may be casually enumerated here: Somanātha at Somanāthapaṭṭana in Kathiawar, Acalesvara at Abu, Ekalingaji near Udaipur, Mahākāla at Ujjain, Nilakanṭheśvara at Udayapura near Bhilsa, Omkāreśvara in the Nimar Dt. of Central Province, Viśvanātha etc. at Khajuraho, Virāṭeśvara at Sohagpur, Paraśurāmeśvara etc. at Bhuvaneśvara in Orissa, Saṃgameśvara at Badami, (Kailāsa) Īśvara at Ellore, Tārakeśvara at Hangal (Dharwar Dt.), Madhukeśvara at Banavasi, Rājasimheśvara at Conjeevaram, etc. A study of the geographical distribution of these Śaiva temples shows the influence and popularity of Śaivism in vast areas of early medieval India until about the 12th century A. D.<sup>2</sup>

#### ŚAIVISM AND JAINISM: THE LAST PHASE

The struggle of the Jaina faith with Virāśaivism came in the latter half of twelfth century. In the tenth century Jainism still occupied a privileged position under the patronage of the ruling dynasties in Mysore and the Deccan; and it was about this time that it was in conflict with the prevailing Śaivism of the age. Sectarian controversy was the order of the day; and Somadeva seems to echo contemporary Jaina theological opinion when he denounces Śaivism as a strange medley of mutually contradictory doctrines.<sup>3</sup> Others, besides him, appear to have entered the lists against Śaivism. The Malliṣeṇa Praśasti tells us that the Jaina teacher Vimalacandra challenged the Śaivas, Pāsupatas and Kāpālikas as well as Bauddhas and Kāpilas to argument; while another teacher Hemasena is declared to have vanquished Śiva himself, like Arjuna (vv. 25, 36)! The Praśasti was composed in honour of the Jaina saint Malliṣeṇa who died by fasting at Śravana-Belgola in 1129 A. D., and these two scholars are mentioned in a list of Digambara teachers who preceded Malliṣeṇa.<sup>4</sup> Hemasena is mentioned just before Dayāpāla and Vādirāja, both of whom lived in the first quarter of the eleventh century, and just after Matisāgara, the *guru* of Dayāpāla. Hemasena may possibly be assigned to the end of the tenth century. Then, there are six teachers between Matisāgara and

1 Ibid., p. 84.

2 See Appendix III.

3 See Chapters VIII and X.

4 *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. III, p. 184.

Vimalacandra, who may have lived in the first half of the tenth century, and was perhaps a contemporary of Somadeva.

Similar claims of Śaiva teachers triumphing over their Jaina opponents are occasionally met with. The Ranod inscription states that a celebrated teacher named Vyomasiva silenced among others the Jainas who are contemptuously likened to jackals (v. 39). Vyomasiva was a native of Central India, and as already mentioned, he may be assigned to about the middle of the tenth century. Another distinguished opponent of Jaina teachers was Vādi-Rudraguṇa of whom we shall speak later.

One of the points at issue in the Śaiva-Jaina controversy was the position of the Arhats as superhuman universal teachers. The Śaivas contended that the Jaina conception of the Arhat was wholly inadequate: if he was an omniscient teacher, we must ask who his teacher was, and if he was a saint devoted to austerities, there must be some one to vouchsafe the result of his efforts. In either case, it was necessary to postulate a superior Being, self-existent and without a beginning, and He was no other than Mahēśvara or Śiva. The Śaiva contention that Śiva was the *guru* of the Jaina Tirthaṅkaras is recorded by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*;<sup>1</sup> while the claim that He confers on the Arhat, who is conditioned in time, the reward of the Latter's religious austerities is put forward in *Isānasivaguru-devapaddhati* (*Kriyāpāda* 1. 39 ff.).<sup>2</sup>

Jainism began to lose ground from about the eleventh century following the subversion of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa empire and the Ganga kingdom, which were its principal mainstay. Śaivism, on the other hand, continued to make fresh conquests under the Cālukyas of Kalyani, while the Colas, who conquered Mysore early in the eleventh century, were its most ardent champions. Interesting light on the prestige and eminence of the Śaiva teachers of the age is thrown by an inscription of the reign of the Cālukya king Jayasimha II, dated 1036 A. D., which records certain grants of land made to a Śaiva scholar named Vādi-Rudraguṇa Lakulśvara Paṇḍita for the repairs of the temple of Pañca Līṅga, at Balligāve, 'the royal city of Banavase 12000'.<sup>3</sup> Vādi-Rudraguṇa, described in the inscription as a falling star to the Digambara speakers, defeated in argument a number of eminent

1 See Chap. VIII.

2 तत्कारणं सत्वीरकृत्येवणीनो महेश्वरः । देहप्रमाणमात्मनं नित्यानित्यविशेषणात् ॥ दुष्टतां जैनसाधूनां महविस्मयानेव हि । नहि साक्षितपोयोगादर्थस्य तस्य तन्मते ॥ सिद्धमिवादिमान् सोऽपि तवसा परवान् बतः । तत्तपःफलदातान्यसौवस्त्वज्जैह मत्सरम् ॥ स्वतन्त्रोऽनादिमान् कर्ता ज्येवणीनो महेश्वरः ।

3 *Epigraphia Carnatica*, Vol. VII. *Inscriptions in the Shimoga District*. Part I (No. 126).

Jaina teachers including the famous scholar and poet Vādirāja. The Pañca Līṅga temple was an important educational centre of the Kālāmukha order of Śaiva ascetics, being called 'the Kālāmukhi Brahmācāri-sthāna of Balligāve'; and the grants in question were made not only for the upkeep of the temple and the worship of the god but for the provision of food and clothing for the students and ascetics. The Kedāra Maṭha of Balligāve was even a more important Śaiva religious and educational institution. An inscription of the reign of Bijjala, dated 1162 A. D., gives a remarkable picture of the great establishment, called in the record 'Kodīya Maṭha, the place of the Southern Kedāra', while the deity worshipped in the temple is referred to as 'Dakṣiṇa Kedāreśvara of the Kodīya Maṭha'.<sup>1</sup> The Maṭha was not only a place of worship but a great centre of learning and a well-organised charitable institution for the destitute and the sick. It is described in the inscription as "the place appointed for the performance of the rites of devotee Brahmācāri-Śivamunis; the place for the recital of the four Vedas with their Aṅgas; the place for commentaries on the Kaumāra, Pāṇinīya, Śākatāyana, Śabdānuśāsana and other grammars; the place for commentaries on the Nyāya, Vaiśeṣika, Mīmāṃsā, Sāṃkhya, Bauddha and (other systems); the place for commentaries on the Lākula-siddhānta, the Patañjala and other Yoga-sāstras; the place for the eighteen Purāṇas, the Dharma-sāstra, all poems, dramas, comedies and every branch of learning; the place where food is freely distributed to the poor, the destitute, the lame, the blind, the deaf.....; the place for the treatment of the diseases of destitute sick persons; a place of security from fear for all living things". 'The Southern Kedāra' is described also as "the means of the absolution of sin, the very presence of Śiva manifested to all the citizens....." A celebrated Śaiva teacher Vāmaśakti Paṇḍita, designated as Rājaguru, was the head of the Maṭha at the time; and Bijjala, washing the feet of the *guru*, made various grants of lands "for the decoration of the god Dakṣiṇa Kedāreśvara, for gifts of food to the ascetics, for gifts of learning, for repairs of the temple.....". On the same occasion he made grants to two other Śiva temples, those of Somanātha and Brahmeśvara at Abbalūr.<sup>2</sup> Bijjala may have had Jaina leanings, but there is no doubt that he was a patron of Śaivism. It is hardly necessary to point out that it was during his reign that the aggressive Virāśaiva cult came into prominence and imposed serious handicaps on the further progress of the Jaina faith in South-Western India. Virāśaivism weaned away the commercial classes

1 Ibid., Inscription No. 102. Balligāve or Balligāme is in the Shimoga District of Mysore State.

2 Abbalūr in Dharwar District.

who were the chief supporters of Jainism; and whole clans, like the Caṅgāḷvas were converted from Jainism to the Virāṣaiva faith.<sup>1</sup> The influence of the new sect is illustrated by the fact that an important Jaina centre like Bankapur, in the Dharwar district, which had five religious colleges of the Jainas in 1055 A. D., came to have a Hindu population, the greater part of whom were Lingāyats.<sup>2</sup> It is also said that Lingāyats appropriated a large number of Jaina temples in the Kanarese districts and installed in them the *linga* as the object of worship.<sup>3</sup> Prior to this, Jaina temples appear to have suffered considerable damage during the Cola invasions of the Cālukyan dominions in the eleventh century. The 'base Cola' (Rājā-dhirāja I who was killed in the battle of Koppam in 1054 A. D.) is said to have burned down many temples and defiled and damaged Jaina sanctuaries in the Belvola province during the reign of Someśvara I. The damage seems to have been repaired to some extent by Lakshma, the governor of Belvola, who, in 1071 A. D., restored the Jaina temple at Annigeri, in the Dharwar district, which had been burned down by the Cola invader.<sup>4</sup>

Among the Śaiva sects the Pāsupatas appear to have been very influential in the Mysore country in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The name of Lakulisa, the founder of the system, occurs very often in the Mysore inscriptions, and the creed is referred to as the Lākulāgama, Lākulāmnāya and Lākula-samaya. An inscription of 943 A. D. says that Lakulisa, fearing lest his name and works of merit should be forgotten, became incarnate as the *muninātha* Chilluka. As mentioned above, a grant was made in 1036 A. D. in favour of Vādi-Rudraguṇa, styled as Lakulīśvara Paṇḍita. An inscription of about 1078 and two others of 1094 and 1103 mention respectively Vālmiki-muni, Śrīkaṇṭha-paṇḍita and his son Someśvara-paṇḍita, all of them distinguished exponents of the Lākula creed.

1 Rice; *Coorg Inscriptions*, Vol. I, p. 13. 1914. The Caṅgāḷvas ruled in West Mysore and Coorg.

2 *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. XXII, p. 653.

3 Cousens (op. cit.).

4 See *Two Inscriptions from Gawarwad and Annigeri*, *Ep. Ind.*, vol. XV, p. 337 ff. Also Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, p. 311. Belvola is an old Kanarese word meaning a field of standing corn. The name was given to the fertile district near the centre of which are Dambal, Gadag and Lakkundi, in the Dharwar district. *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. XXII, pp. 392, 718. There still exist a number of old Jaina temples in this area, at Aminbhāvi (near Dharwar town), Annigeri (between Dharwar and Gadag), Chabbi (about eight miles south of Hubli), Lakkundi (about seven miles south-east of Gadag), Mulgund (about twelve miles south-west of Gadag), and Soratur (about ten miles south of Gadag). *Bombay Gazetteer* (op. cit.), chap. XIV.

The latter is said to have caused the Lakula-siddhanta to blossom. Further, two inscriptions of 1168 and 1179 compare the *rājaguru* Vāmaśakti with Lakuliśvara or Nakuliśvara. Another record mentions a succession of *gurus* of the Agastyeśvara Maṭha at Śrīparvata, all whose names end in *śakti*. The Lakula or Pāsupata system is generally mentioned in the Mysore inscriptions in connection with the Kālāmukha sect;<sup>1</sup> and there is no doubt that the Pāsupatas were known as Kālāmukhas in the Kannaḍa country. The technical expression *Kālam Karcci* (laving the feet) used in Kannaḍa inscriptions on the occasion of making a gift to the teachers of this sect is an indication of the high respect shown to them<sup>2</sup>. These Kālāmukha Pāsupatas were not certainly identical with the Kālāmukhas mentioned by Yāmuna Muni and Rāmaṇuja in their enumeration of Śaiva sects, as the latter were no better than Kāpālikas.

The mantle of the Pāsupatas appears to have fallen on the Virāśaivas to a very great extent in the Kannaḍa country. Many of the great Kālāmukha Maṭhas seem to have been transformed into Virāśaiva Maṭhas. The Kālāmukha Maṭha at Pūvalli, the modern Hūli in the Belgaum District of Bombay Province, which had many branches and a succession of influential abbots, as recorded in a number of inscriptions, is now a Virāśaiva Maṭha, and provides a striking illustration of the process of transformation<sup>3</sup>.

Virāśaivism represented a mass movement, and was a more serious rival of Jainism. It was also a movement of social reforms, and at variance with orthodox Hinduism in several respects. The rapid expansion of this powerful, hostile sect had an adverse effect on the subsequent history of Jainism in the South. Virāśaivism gathered momentum under the inspiring leadership of Basava, the minister of Bijjala (1162-67 A. D.) who had taken possession of the Cālukyan throne. Kalyāṇa (now in Bidar District, Hyderabad State), the capital of the later Cālukyas, became the centre of direction of the new religious movement. The devotional literature of the Virāśaivas known as the Vacanaśāstras composed in Kanarese prose goes back to the eleventh century A. D., about a century earlier than the age of Basava; but the literary and religious movement reached its climax about the middle of the twelfth century during the

1 See Rice: *Mysore and Coorg from the Inscriptions*, p. 205. Also Bhandarkar: *Vaiṣṇavism, Śaivism and minor religious systems*, p. 171. Poona ed. In an inscription of 1177 A. D., for example, certain ascetics are called upholders of the Lakulāgama-samaya and adherents of the Kālāmukhas.

2 Nandimath: *A Handbook of Virāśaivism*, p. 9.

3 Nandimath (*op. cit.*), p. 10.

period of the activities of Basava and his contemporaries. Jedara Dāsimayya, one of the early Vacana writers, is believed to have been a contemporary of the Calukya king Jayasimha I whose reign covers the greater portion of the first half of the eleventh century, A. D. The principal writers and leaders of the movement, however, belong to the latter half of the next century. Among the contemporaries of Basava may be mentioned Ekāntada Rāmayya, a vigorous propagandist who is said to have destroyed Jaina temples; Prabhudeva who was the head of the Virakta-maṭha at Kalyāṇa, the pontifical seat known as Śūnya-simhāsana 'The throne of the void'; Cennabasava who seems to have led the movement after Basava; Siddharāma who is known as Śivayogin, and several others.

The doctrines and social practices of the Virasaivas are beyond the scope of our discussion. It may, however, be noted that the apostles of Virasaivism laid great stress on intense devotion (*bhakti*) to Śiva, and owed a good deal to the teachings of the great Śaiva saints of the Tamil land. 'Indeed the Virasaiva saints claimed the Tamilians as their own; and the Kannada Virasaiva literature teems with accounts of the Tamil Śaiva saints.' More important for us is the fact that Virasaivism 'spread like wild fire over a considerable portion of the Deccan and southern India.' It enjoyed extensive patronage and privileges under the Vijayanagara kings. It was the religion of the Keladi or Ikkeri chiefs who ruled a considerable portion of the Vijayanagara empire. The ancestors of the present rulers of Mysore were Lingāyats till the 18th century.<sup>1</sup> Of all the rivals of Jainism Virasaivism seems to have been the most potent, and still continues to play an important rôle in the social and religious life of South-western India.

Apart from the rise of Virasaivism, the loss of royal patronage following the overthrow of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas and the Gaṅgas placed Jainism at a disadvantage in its encounter with rival creeds. The reorganisation of Vaiṣṇavism by Rāmānuja and the conversion of the Hoysala king Bittiḍeva (Viṣṇuvardhana) by the latter at the end of the eleventh century was another blow to the prospects of Jainism in the south. Most of the Jaina centres in Kārṇāṭaka (Paudanapura, Hanasoge, Humcoo, Baḷligāme etc.) ceased to be strongholds of Jainism, and "in the centres which fell into the hands of the non-Jainas, only mutilated Jaina images and broken slabs bear silent testimony to the once prosperous condition of Jainism in the country".<sup>2</sup> It has been said of Baḷligāme that, like many a great

1 For a brief but authoritative account of Virasaivism see Dr. Nandimath's book cited above.

2 Salstoe; *Medieval Jainism*, p. 184.



Jaina centre, it today possesses no traces of Jaina worship except broken Jaina images.<sup>1</sup> Still when we speak of the decline of Jainism in Kārṇāṭaka we should think in terms of a setback rather than any progressive decay or deterioration. It has been rightly pointed out that Jainism did its best work in the best days of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas in the Southern Maharatta country and Mysore. "These are the portions of South India that happen to be great Jaina centres even now, and in that region Jainism flourished even in the age of the great Colas.....Jainism continued to flourish under the Cālukyas and under the Hoysalas at a later time and even in the age of Vijayanagar."<sup>2</sup> It has indeed been said of the Hoysalas that, though they were Jainas first, and later changed over to Vaiṣṇavism, they still built temples dedicated to Tirthaṅkaras, Śiva and Viṣṇu, and were patrons of all sects alike.<sup>3</sup>

Any talk about the conflict of Śaivism and Jainism during the period under consideration might be misleading if we failed to point out that the two faiths existed side by side, generally speaking, in an atmosphere of toleration and amity in various parts of the country. This is proved by the existence of imposing Jaina temples in such important centres of Śaiva worship as Khajurāho in Bundelkhand or Un in southern Indore. At Khajurāho where the temples were mostly built during the reigns of Yaśovarman and Dhanga (c. 930-1000 A. D.), we have the large and fine temple of Jinanātha, which has an inscription of 954 A. D., and was built in the beginning of Dhanga's reign. The Ghantai Jaina temple, so called from the bells carved on the pillars, has been partially rebuilt from older materials. The original temple is believed to have been erected in the tenth century A. D.<sup>4</sup>

1 Saletore: *Medieval Jainism*, p. 204.

2 Aiyangar: *Some contributions of South India to Indian Culture*, p. 291.

3 *Mysore Archaeological Report* for 1924, p. 7.

4 Vincent Smith (op. cit.) in *IA*, 1908, P. 133. There are several other Jaina temples at Khajurāho. No. 26 in Cunningham's list is an ancient temple 'restored with plaster and old stones and called Setnāth, which is most probably the original name, as the principal statue enshrined is a colossal standing figure of Ādinātha, 14 feet in height with the title of Setnath. 'On the pedestal of this statue Cunningham found on his first visit an inscription dated in Samvat 1085, or A. D. 1028. No. 27 in his list is a small ancient Jaina temple now dedicated to Ādinātha. There are many Jaina statues, both whole and broken, collected about these temples, with dated inscriptions. One of them is inscribed on a pedestal of a colossal seated statue, and records that the image was dedicated in Samvat 1215 (A. D. 1158) during the reign of Madanavarman. *Archaeological Survey of India*, Vol. II, p. 412 ff.

The Un group of temple has been assigned to the eleventh and twelfth centuries. Here we have a large Jaina temple, Chaubara Dera No. 2, 'which in spite of the loss of its *sikhara* still remains one of the most beautiful monuments at Un.' The building has a very large porch in front of the *mandapa*. The second Jaina temple at Un is very well-preserved and popularly known as Goalesvara. The floor of the *garbhagrha* is about ten feet lower than that of the *mandapa*, and one has to descend a series of steps. Inside the sanctum stand three huge Digambara Jaina images, one of which measures twelve and a half feet in height. The images bear short inscriptions which give 1206 A. D. as the date of their dedication. Several other large Jaina images have been found at Un, one of which bears the date 1125 or 1135 A. D.<sup>1</sup>

Jaina religious edifices are also found in close proximity to the island of Māndhātā in the Narmadā, in the Nimar District of Central Provinces. 'On the island itself, every temple is dedicated to Śiva or his associate deities; but the north bank of the river opposite, in addition to Śivaite ruins, contains several old structures devoted to Viṣṇu, and a whole group of Jaina temples.' 'The Jaina temples stand on an elevation overlooking, but a little retired from the river. The largest building raised on a plinth of basalt blocks five feet high was perhaps a monastery. It consisted of a quadrangle 53 feet by 43 feet, surrounded by four rows of pillars about 10 feet high. The eastern wall is still complete, decorated with geometrical figures rudely carved in yellow sandstone. On each side of the doorway is a figure carved on slabs about 2 feet high, with Śivaite and Jaina emblems curiously intermixed. To the north stood the temple proper, built in a pyramidal shape, with numerous smaller spires. The porch is still erect, but the shrine has been buried beneath the ruins of the dome. The third building was a smaller temple raised on a pyramid of basalt blocks about 25 feet high.'<sup>2</sup>

Interesting sidelight on Śaiva-Jaina relations is provided by the religious history of Mount Abu, which was an early and famous seat of Śaiva worship. The Abu region was subjected by Bhīma I of Gujarat early in the second quarter of the eleventh century A. D.; and the Jaina Vimala Sāha, the first great exponent of marble architecture in India, was sent out as the governor of Abu. It appears that Jaina religious edifices had not existed on the sacred mountain before his time. The magnificent marble temple of Adinātha was built at Delwara (Devalwada) on Mount Abu by Vimala Sāha in

1 *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, 1919*, pp. 62-64.

2 *Imperial Gazetteer of India, Vol. IX*, p. 296.

1031 A. D.; and there is a significant tradition associated with the building of the shrine. It is said that the site on which the edifice now stands was formerly occupied by Brahmanical temples, but 'this devout Jaina offered to cover with silver coins as much ground as was required for his temple in return for the permission to erect it. This munificent offer was accepted.'<sup>1</sup>

It is not necessary to mention the existence of Jaina cave temples at Ellora, the home of stupendous rock-cut temples dedicated to Śiva, as the caves here have been assigned to the Rāṣṭrakūṭa period, which coincided with the heyday of Jainism in the Deccan and Mysore. Apart from occasional acts of vandalism, Śaiva-Jaina relations do not appear to have been marred by anything more serious than theological disputes or religious controversies.<sup>2</sup>

#### ŚAIVISM—VĀMA MĀRGA

The Vāma Mārگا, as defined by Somadeva, may be said to represent the grosser form of the Śaiva and Tāntric cults and includes sects like the Kaulas and the Kāpālikas. We have already discussed Somadeva's account of the practices of the Kaulas who are represented as avowed sensualists

1 Commisariat: *History of Gujarat*, Vol. I, p. lxii.

2 Jaina temples are said to have been demolished during the invasion of Gujarat by the Paramāra king Subhatavarman early in the thirteenth century A. D. Ganguly : *History of the Paramāra Dynasty*, p. 197. As against this, we may point to the flourishing condition of Jaina culture and religion in Malwa from the latter part of the tenth century onwards, which will bear comparison in its own way with the efflorescence of Jainism during Rāṣṭrakūṭa hegemony in the Deccan, or under the Solankis in Gujarat. The harmonious relation of the various faiths in medieval Malwa is shown also by the co-existence of Jaina and Vaiṣṇava temples at several places in Northern Indore. At Kohala, six miles from Bhanpura, to the east of the temple of Lakṣmi-Nārāyaṇa, there are two Jaina temples side by side and known by the popular name of *sas-bahu-ki mandir* or the temples of the mother-in-law and the daughter-in-law, one of which is used for worship even now. At the village of Sandhārā, not far from Bhanpura, the remains include an old temple of Viṣṇu and a Jaina temple called *Tamboli-ka-mandir* or the temple of the betel-seller as well as two other Jaina temples, which have been partly rebuilt at a later date. These two temples are dedicated to Ādinātha and belong to the Digambara community, and regular worship is carried on in both. Two old temples, one dedicated to Viṣṇu and the other to Pāravanātha, stand in the centre of the village of Kukdesvar, ten miles to the west of Rampura in the northern part of Indore State. It is noteworthy that the Jain temple contains a large bas-relief representing scenes from the life of Kṛṣṇa, which has been built into the south wall of the *mandapa*. For details see *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, for the year ending 31st March, 1920*.

and worshippers of Śiva.<sup>1</sup> It is related in *Skandapurāṇa*, *Prabhāsakhaṇḍa* (Chap. 119 of *Prabhāsakṣetra-māhātmya*) that when the great goddess of the *Prabhāsakṣetra* killed the demons Bala and Atibala and their army, some of the demons who escaped became Kaulas, addicted to meat, wine and women. This seems to be in accord with current description of the Kaulas, but it is an irony that the *Purāṇa* should have stated also that certain of the demons became Jains, who were bitterly hostile critics of the former sect. Jayanta in *Nyāyamañjarī* (chap. 4) hints at the objectionable practices of the Kaulas aimed at the attainment of superhuman powers; but as, in this context, he records the views of certain thinkers that all religious systems are authoritative in their own way, he is inclined to put Kaula ritual on a par with such malevolent Vedic rites as the Śyena performed for the purpose of destroying one's enemies.

That the Kaula cult was prevalent in the tenth century is shown not only by the evidence furnished by Somadeva but by that of Rājasekhara and Devasena, both of whom belong to the first half of the century. In Rājasekhara's play *Karpūramañjarī* 1. 22 ff. the master magician Bhairavānanda declares that he is an adherent of the Kaula way, drinks wine and enjoys women and so goes forward to salvation. He describes the Kaula religion as charming to all, as its only requirements are a hot strumpet for wife, plenty of meat and wine, alms and a pelt to serve as bed; and opines that while gods like Hari and Brahmā prescribe meditation, the study of the Vedas, and sacrifices as leading to final release, Śiva has the sole credit of having devised a way to salvation consistent with the pleasures of love and wine. The Jaina Devasena gives a similar picture of the Kaula cult in his *Bhāvasaṅgraha* (verses 182-3). Rājasekhara's verse (*Karpūramañjarī* 1. 23):

रहा चरहा दिविकवा चम्मदारा मजं मंसं विजदु कजदु न ।

विजका भोजं चम्मकण्डं च सेजा कोको चम्मे कस्त जो माह रम्मे ॥

may be compared with Devasena's description of the Kaula religion in *Bhāvasaṅgraha*:

रहा जुंहा चंडी जुंही दिविकवा चम्मदारा सीसे कंता कामासला कामिया ला विचारा ।

मजं मंसं सिट्टं मक्कं मक्किकं जीवसोचनं च कडले चम्मे विसये रम्मे रं सि हो लगामोचनं ॥

It is also noteworthy that Devasena, while describing Cārvāka doctrines in the above work (verses 172-76), attributes them to Kaulācārya or the teacher of Kaula doctrines. The Cārvākas or Lokāyatikas were no doubt distinct from the Kaulas, but the insistence of the latter on rank sensualism seems to have led Devasena to identify them with the Cārvākas.

1 Chap. VIII.

Hemacandra says in his commentary on his *Yogasūtra* 4. 102 that the disciples of the Kaulācāryas are known as Yogins.<sup>1</sup> It may be noted that in *Karpūramañjarī* the Kaula Bhairavānanda is often referred to as *jōsara* (Yogīśvara), the great Yogin or adept in mystic rites. Kaula *dīkṣā* is likewise referred to in a *double entendre* in *Nalacampū* (chap. 2).<sup>2</sup>

The Kaulas were akin to the Kāpālikas, and both the Kaula and the Kāpālika cults were anathema to the Jains. In *Yasastilaka* VI. 3 Somadeva prescribes a bath for Jain monks when they happen to come in contact with a Kāpālika.<sup>3</sup> We learn from Yāmunācārya's *Āgamaprāmānya* (about 1050 A. D.) that the characteristics of the Kāpālikas were the sacred thread, the smearing of the body with ashes, a crest jewel, various ornaments for the ears and the neck, a human skull and a club. According to them, he who realises the true significance of the six symbols (sacred thread, ashes, crest-jewels, *karnikā*, *kundala* and *rucaka*), and meditates on the Self, mentally locating it on the female organ, attains the supreme beatitude.<sup>4</sup> Additional information about the Kāpālika sect is furnished by Kṛṣṇamiśra's allegorical play *Prabodhacandrodaya*, Act III, which introduces a Kāpālika who recounts his beliefs and practices. He wears a garland of human bones, lives on cremation grounds and uses a skull as a dish. Describing his religion, he declares that it consists of the worship of the Mahābhairava form of Śiva with human sacrifices: human flesh is offered as an oblation in the fire, and the worshipper drinks wine from a skull. Not only Mahābhairava but his consort (Mahābhairavī) is worshipped with blood along with a host of goblins called up to the beating of drums. As regards his beliefs, the Kāpālika declares that the world, full of diversities, is not different from Śiva.<sup>5</sup> The Kāpālika ideal of salvation is to become incarnate in a form like that of Śiva and enjoy the pleasures of love with a consort beautiful as Pārvatī. This doctrine is said to have been revealed by Śiva himself, as there can be no happiness without mundane joys; and a state of salvation in which the Self subsists in its pristine condition, like a block of stone, without any consciousness of joy, cannot be a desired goal.<sup>6</sup> This is the sum and

1 अद्यामहमे वेयापये गम्यागम्ये समारम्भनाम् । योगिनाम्ना प्रसिद्धानां कौलचार्यान्तेवासिनाम् ॥ Verse 33.

2 'मिटकौलदम्भदीक्षाभिरिव कुचरूपलोमितलोकाभिः.....कण्टिचेटीभिः'. The comm. remarks शास्त्रदम्भ-दीक्षास्तु कुत्सितेन चमणा मांसादिनोपलोमितलोकाः.

3 संगे कषालिकात्रेयीवाण्डालशबरादिभिः । आयुष्य दण्डवत् सम्यग्जपेन्मन्त्रमुपोषितः ॥

4 तथाहुः । मुद्रिकाषट्कतत्त्वश्च परमुद्राभिचारदः । भगवन्स्वमात्मानं ध्यात्वा निर्वाणकृच्छ्रति ॥ तथा । कथिकाश्चकं त्रैक कुण्डलं च शिखामणिम् । मया बधोपवीतं च मुद्राषट्कं प्रचक्षते ॥ कपालमयं कट्टाक्षमुपमुद्रे प्रकीर्तिते । नाभिर्मुद्रितवेष्टिते न भूय इह जायते ॥

5 पदयामि योगाज्जनशुद्धचक्षुषा । जगन्निबोधनिष्कममिजमीश्वराद् ॥ 3. 12.

6 इहं कथं मुक्तं विना न विपरीतानन्दबोधोज्ज्वला, जीवस्य स्थितिरेव मुक्तिवत्त्ववत्त्वा कथं प्राप्नोते । पार्वत्याः प्रतिकल्पना यस्मिन्ना सानन्दमालिङ्गितो, मुक्तः कीदृति चन्द्रचूडनपुरित्वा च दृष्टानीयसि ॥ 3. 16.

substance of the Kāpālika doctrine, called also *Mahābhairavānustāsana*, *Parametvara-siddhānta*, and *Somasiddhānta* in Kṛṣṇamisra's play. Like Bhairavānanda in Rājasekhara's *Karpūramāñjarī*, the Kāpālika in *Prabodha-candrodaya* puts forward exaggerated claims of miraculous powers, and one of the avowed objects of the Kāpālika cult is the attainment of the supernatural Yogic powers known as the *Siddhis*.<sup>1</sup> It is noteworthy that the Kāpālika is once addressed in the play as Kulācārya<sup>2</sup>, which shows that, although the Kaula and the Kāpālika cults were distinct from each other, Kāpālikas were sometimes confused with Kaulas owing to certain resemblances in their practices. The Kaulas are not, as a rule, associated with human sacrifices; yet it is at the instance of a Kulācārya that Māradatta orders preparations for a human sacrifice in the Mahābhairava temple in *Yasastilaka*, Book I. Members of both sects would seem to have indulged in objectionable practices, but it was the Kāpālikas who were more prominently connected with rites involving the sacrifice of human beings.

In the fourth Act of Kṣemiśvara's *Candakausika*, composed in the first half of the tenth century, Dharma appears in the guise of a Kāpālika, armed with a club, and carrying a skull in his hand; and decorated with ashes and human bones. He declares that he is about to attain certain magical powers: control over a goblin who has entered into a corpse, possession of a thunderbolt and magic pills and paints, union with a demoness, and the knowledge of alchemy (*dhātuvāda*) and the elixir of life (*rasāyana*). There is no doubt that the Kāpālikas were charlatans and adepts in black magic, but those who sought to discover the elixir of life and practised alchemy were not necessarily Kāpālikas.

That the Kāpālika cult is much earlier than the tenth century is shown by the wellknown episode in Bhavabhūti's *Mālatīmādhava*, Act V, in which the Kāpālika Aghoraghaṇṭa attempts to sacrifice Mālatī before the goddess Karālā or Cāmundā.<sup>3</sup> This episode is based on the story of Vidūṣaka in *Kathāsaritsāgara* 3. 4. 158 ff., or rather on Guṇāḍhya's *Brhatkathā*, of which the former work is a summary. Although the fanatic, who attempts to sacrifice king Ādityasena's daughter before the idol of

1 अत्रादुक्षितचक्रादिनिष्वासनेऽपि सिद्धन्तस्तत्त्वसाधनहोदयाः प्रणविनाप्यहो महासिद्धयः । etc. 3. 32.

2 'हृषणकः—अले क्षपास्त्रिज ..... कुलवास्त्रिज ।'

3 A drunken but otherwise innocent Kāpālika appears in the *Mattavilāsaprahasana* of the Pallava King Mahendravarman (first quarter of the 7th century A. D.). About the same time Hsüan-tsang met the first Hindu ascetics of his journey at Kāpiśī, north of Kabul: they had their bodies smeared with ashes and wore a chaplet made of skulls. They were no doubt Śaiva ascetics, but probably not Kāpālikas. Grousset: *In the footsteps of the Buddha*, p. 93.

Kātyāyana in the story of Vidūṣaka, is called a Pravrajaka or Parivrajaka, there is no doubt that he is a Kāpālika. In another story in *Kathāsaritsāgara* 18. 2 a Kāpālika draws a married woman named Madanamañjarī to a cremation ground for an evil purpose by force of magic formulas and oblations in the fire, but is foiled in his attempt by the intervention of the great king Vikramāditya. In Haribhadra's *Samarāṅgacakāḥ*, Book IV, the gambler Maheśvaradatta becomes a Kāpālika and an expert in *gāruḍa-mantra*, mystic formulas for curing snake-bites. The machinations of a Kāpālika and his grim ritual are vividly portrayed in the eighth Act of Rāmacandra's *Kaumudimitrānanda*. Makaranda in the play allows Kaumudī and Sumitrā to take shelter in a subterranean chamber as a protection against the alleged designs of a Vidyādhara. Meanwhile the Kāpālika offers oblations of human intestines in the fire and attempts to revive what is apparently a corpse which rises and strikes him. The Kāpālika and his accomplices manage to disappear, but Makaranda finds no trace of the chamber or the ladies concealed therein. The episode throws light on certain nefarious tactics of the Kāpālikas as seen by a writer of the twelfth century.

Kāpālikas were known also as Mahāvratins. Jagaddhara in his commentary on *Mālatīmādhava*, Act I, explains the term *Kāpālikavrata* as *Mahāvratata*, and Caṇḍapāla in his commentary on *Nalacampū* (Chap. 6) explains Mahāvratikas as Kāpālikas. In *Kathāsaritsāgara* 5. 2. 81 a Mahāvratin is described as Kapālin ('furnished with a human skull'), wearing matted hair, and white with ashes. In *Yasastilaka* 1. 115 Death is pictured as a Mahāvratin or a Kāpālika, and the skeleton of a beautiful woman as his club.<sup>1</sup> In the description of the shrine of Caṇḍamārī in *Yasastilaka*, Book I, Somadeva mentions 'Mahāvratin heroes selling for a price flesh cut from their own bodies.'<sup>2</sup> The uncanny practice of selling human flesh, one's own or that of a corpse, to goblins for the purpose of gaining a desired object is often referred to in Sanskrit literature, and seems to have been resorted to not only by Kāpālikas but by others in desperate circumstances. The love-sick Mādhava appears on the cremation ground in *Mālatīmādhava*, Act V, with a lump of human flesh for sale to the goblins. The practice is referred to in at least two stories of *Kathāsaritsāgara* (5. 2. 180 ff. and 18. 2. 53 ff.). In the first story the brave Aśokadatta goes to a cremation ground on the fourteenth night of the dark half of the month, and offers to the goblins a corpse for sale, the price being a marvellous anklet required

1 'सा कालमहावतिना खट्वाङ्गकरदुतां नीता'

2 'कचिन्महावतिकवीरकयविहीयमाणस्वपुत्रैर्नवद्वय'



by the king of Benares. In the second story a gambler, who has promised to supply human victims to two Brahmarikṣasas, is at a loss to find them, and repairing to a cremation ground at night, offers to sell human flesh to a goblin in return for a temporary loan of the latter's form and powers wherewith to procure the required victims from among his enemies. In Bāṇa's *Harṣacarita* (Chap. 5) the sale of human flesh (to goblins) by princes is mentioned among the various rites performed for the recovery of Prabhākaravardhana in the latter's capital.<sup>1</sup> The same work (chap. 6) records the story of a prince, apparently of Ujjayinī, who was killed by a goblin, being over-zealous in the matter of selling human flesh on the occasion of the festival of the Mahākāla Śiva.<sup>2</sup> Another reference to the sale of flesh occurs in the third chapter of *Harṣacarita*.<sup>3</sup>

As pointed out by R. G. Bhandarkar, a copper-plate charter of Nāgavardhana, nephew of Pulakesin II, records a grant of a village near Igatpuri in the Nasik District for the worship of the god Kāpāleśvara and the maintenance of the Mahāvratins residing in the temple. This shows that the Kāpālika sect existed in Mahārāṣṭra about the middle of the seventh century.<sup>4</sup> The practice of carrying a skull and a club is mentioned among the religious customs of non-Buddhist sects enumerated in *Lalitavistara*, chap. 17.<sup>5</sup> This is a clear reference to the Kāpālika sect in an important work of Buddhist Sanskrit literature composed before, probably long before, the ninth century. It is evident from Bhavabhūti's statements in *Mālattmādhava*, Act I, that in his time (eighth century) Śrīparvata, a holy mountain in Kurnool District (Madras Presidency) on the Kistna river, was a centre of the Kāpālika cult.<sup>6</sup> There is a reference to a Maṭha of the Mahāvratins in an inscription from Ramnad District (Madras Presidency) of the reign of Vira Pāṇḍya, showing that the Kāpālikas were well-established in that part of South India in the second half of the tenth century. It is stated in another record issued by a chieftain named Vikramakesari, a contemporary of Vira Pāṇḍya, that the former presented a big Maṭha to a certain Mallikārjuna of Madura,

1 'अपरम प्रकाशनरपतिकुमारकनियमाणमहामांसविक्रमप्रसमम्'

2 'महाकाकमहे च महामांसविक्रयवादात्तुं वेताककाकमहे जवान जवन्मज प्रचोतस्य पौणिकि कुमारं कुमारसेनम् ।'

3 'महामांसविक्रयक्रीतेन मनःशिख्यपुङ्गेनेव'

4 Bhandarkar: *Vaishnavism, Saivism etc.* (Poona ed.), p. 168.

5 '..... कपाककककककककक कुरि प्रलगावचन्ति संमूहाः'

6 An earlier reference to Śrīparvata is in Subandhu's *Vāsavadattā*: श्रीपर्वत इव संनिहित-मल्लिकार्जुनः. Mallikārjuna is the Śivaliṅga worshipped on the hill. The *Padmapurāṇa* (Uttarakhaṇḍa, chap. 19) describes Śrīparvata as the abode of Mallikārjuna. Shivaji visited the sacred site in 1677. For a later description of the temple of Mallikārjuna and its enclosure see Barker: *Shivaji*, p. 297.

who was the chief ascetic of the Kālamukha sect.<sup>1</sup> The latter community was akin to the Kāpālikas and both sects indulged in similar practices. The Kālamukhas are in fact included among the Mahāvratikas or Kāpālikas in Trivikrama Bhaṭṭa's *Nalacampū* composed early in the tenth century (Chap. 6)<sup>2</sup>. The Kāpālikas are accused of cannibalism in Yaśahpāla's *Moharājapārajaya* 4. 28, an allegorical drama composed during the reign of Ajayapāla of Gujarat (1172-1176 A. D.).<sup>3</sup>

#### BRAHMANISM

Somadeva's strictures on the beliefs and practices of popular Hinduism have been summarized in Chapters X and XII. The chief attacks are directed against the Purāṇic traits of the principal Brahmanical deities, the funeral rites (Śrāddha), bathing at sacred sites, and diverse religious practices collectively designated as *mūḍha* or *mūḍhatā*, 'stupid customs.'<sup>4</sup> These attacks while throwing light on the religious conflict in the tenth century are not peculiar to Somadeva, and should rather be regarded as forming part of the customary Jaina polemics against the Brahmanical faith. Such polemics are scattered throughout Jaina literature of all periods, and we may cite here only a few examples bearing on the topics criticized by Somadeva. Jaṭā-simhanandī's *Varāṅgacavita* (circa 7th century A. D.) has a Canto called *Mithyāśruti-vighātaka* (XXV), which criticises among other things the caste system, the Brahmins dependent upon the patronage of kings, and the Śrāddha rites, and explains, like Somadeva, why Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva cannot be regarded as trustworthy beings (*āpta*). The author asks in this connection: what are the dacoits like, if the great gods be armed with weapons, trident, thunder, discus, bow, mace, lance, sword and club (25. 80)? Similarly, Devasena in *Bhāvasaṃgraha* (op. cit.) criticizes bathing in sacred waters, Śrāddha, and adoration of cows, and scoffs at the exploits of Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva, who are ridiculed also in *Pātrakesaristotra*. The *Sūtrakṛtāṅga*, a canonical work, ridicules ceremonial bathing thus: ".....if perfection could be obtained by contact with water, many beings living in water must have reached perfection: fishes, tortoises, aquatic snakes, cormorants, otters, and demons living in water..... If water did wash off the impure Karmān, it must take off merit too." Similarly, the morning and evening oblations in the sacred fire are declared to be meaningless: "Those who, lighting fire in the morning and evening, contend that perfection is obtained through fire (are easily

1 Nilakanta Sastri: *The Pāṇḍyan Kingdom*, p. 116.

2 'कलियुगशिवशासनस्थितिर्निव महाव्रतिकास्तथासिनिः कास्त्रुखैर्वा नरेः संकुलम्

3 Poussin (op. cit.), p. 145.

4 See Chap. X.

refuted). For if thereby perfection could be obtained, mechanics also, who use fire, would be liberated (1. 7. 14-18)."<sup>1</sup> The same work condemns also the feeding of Brāhmanas (2. 6. 43, 44).

In regard to the Jaina attacks on Śrāddha, it is said that the present-day Jainas 'burn the dead, throw the ashes on the third day into a river, and even offer rice-balls to the crows on the tenth day, and feed relatives and caste-fellows on the twelfth and thirteenth days.'<sup>2</sup> These customs seem to have grown up in later times under Hindu influence. Somadeva, on the other hand, states in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, that if the Pits have gone to earthly or celestial abodes, they can have no need of annual offerings of rice balls, which are actually eaten by Brāhmanas and crows. His statement may be compared with that of Jaṭa-Simhanandi in *Varāṅgacarita* 25. 64:

द्विजैः काकैर्वह्निं शुद्धमन्नं दत्त्वात् पितृलप्यन्ते परम् ।

पुराजितं तत् पितृभिर्विन्दं शुभाशुभं तेन हि कारयेत् ॥

The Jaina attack on Śrāddha reminds one of the satire of the Greek writer Lucian (second century A. D.) on the custom of making offerings to the dead. In his *Charon, or the Inspectors*, Charon the ferryman conveying souls to Hades exclaims 'What, they eat and drink, when their skulls are dry as tinder?.....I should be in a fine predicament, Hermes, and should have no end of trouble if I were obliged not only to bring them down but to bring them up to drink!'<sup>3</sup>

The group of 'stupid customs' mentioned by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* VI. 4 and 10 reminds one of those enumerated in *Lalitavistara*, chap. 17, and described as being followed by the misguided adherents of the non-Buddhist sects. Somadeva's list has been reproduced elsewhere;<sup>4</sup> that recorded in the Buddhist text is more comprehensive, and where there are resemblances provides additional details. Among later Jaina writers Hemacandra enumerates a large number of 'stupid customs' followed by diverse non-Jaina communities in his commentary on his *Yogaśāstra* 4. 102, and some of them are undoubtedly mentioned with reference to popular Brahmanism.<sup>5</sup>

1 Jacobi: *Jaina Sūtras*, Part II, p. 294.

2 Sharma: *Jainism and Kāvya Culture*, p. 161.

3 Trans. in *Loeb Classical Library*.

4 See Chap. X.

5 E. g., गृध्रादिजीवा न मदां त्यजतः पूतमानिनाम् । जलादिस्नानमात्रेण पापशुद्धयभिलाषिनाम् ॥ वदाभ्यासकन्यादि-  
द्वयपूजाभिलाषिनाम् । गङ्गा-तटैः शम्भुनेन देवप्रीत्यनमानिनाम् ॥ कुवि बोधोद्वेगपाद् रिद्धशान्तिकमानिनाम् । बोधिवि-  
श्वनामावप्रतपसोपदेशिनाम् ॥ Verses 23-25.

Somadeva cites the Smṛti injunction that the Veda and the Dharmaśāstras, composed by sages like Manu, Vyāsa and Vasiṣṭha, should be regarded as mandatory and authoritative in all matters, and on no account should their authority be called in question by means of argumentation: in fact, the Brāhmaṇa, who censures the Veda and despises the Śruti and the Smṛti, should be ostracized as a *nāstika*. These views are summarily rejected by Somadeva. In *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, he quotes the relevant verses:

मानवं व्यासवासिष्ठं वचनं वेदसंयुतम् । अप्रमाणं तु यो ब्रूयात् स भवेद्ब्रह्मघातकः ॥

पुराणं मानवो धर्मः साङ्गो वेदमिहितितम् । आशासिद्धानि चत्वारि न हन्तव्यानि हेतुभिः ॥,

and calls them fanciful or absurd utterances (*mukhabhāṣitam*). It may be noted that the Buddhist Sāntarakṣita also quotes the second verse and makes a similar remark in *Tattvasaṃgraha* (verses 3584-5).<sup>1</sup> In *Yasastilaka* VI. 2 Somadeva quotes the following verses:

श्रुतिं वेदमिह प्रादुर्धर्मसाक्षं स्मृतिर्मता । ते सर्वार्थेष्वमीमांसे तावदां धर्मो हि निर्वर्तनी ॥

ते तु वस्तुवचमन्येत हेतुसाक्षादभावाद् द्विजः । स साधुभिर्बहिः कार्यो नास्ति को वेदनिन्दकः ॥

and remarks that the opinion expressed therein is unsound. He points out that a disputant, who depends entirely upon the Scriptures and never resorts to reasoning, while seeking the truth, is not likely to triumph; as the good appreciate merit, but not a thing whose character has not been ascertained: a jewel is placed on the head, but a stone (unobserved while walking) is kicked away with the foot.<sup>2</sup>

समस्तयुक्तिनिर्मुक्तः केवलज्ञानमलोचनः । तत्त्वमिच्छस्य कस्येह भवेद्वादी जवावहः ॥

सन्तो गुणेषु तुल्यन्ति नाविचारेषु वस्तुषु । पादेन क्षिप्यते प्राया रत्नं मौलौ निधीयते ॥

The infallibility of the Veda and the Dharmaśāstras was the cornerstone of Hindu orthodoxy, and it was natural for non-Brahmanical writers to challenge the theory that the authority of the Śruti and the Smṛti must be unquestioningly accepted. We have already seen that in the controversial dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, the latter represents the orthodox view and the former the standpoint of the heretics. Yaśodhara's mother declares to her son: Discard Śruti, Smṛti, Itihāsa, and Purāṇic lore if thou hast no use for

1 पुराणं मानवो धर्मः साङ्गो वेदमिहितितम् । आशासिद्धानि चत्वारि न हन्तव्यानि हेतुभिः ॥ मन्वे वेदैव दत्तं जडेभ्यस्तैर्विनीयिका । आशासिद्धान्यन्यत्र वाच्यार्थास्तु वा भवेत् ॥

2 Cf. Shakespeare, *Measure for Measure*, II. I:  
The jewel that we find, we stoop and take it  
Because we see it; but what we do not see  
We tread upon, and never think of it.

thy soul! This is a noteworthy assertion of the Hindu orthodox ideal as it appeared to a Jaina writer of the tenth century.

Somadeva's criticism of Hindu beliefs and practices is not without some historical importance, as it shows that the popular Hinduism of the tenth century was not far different from the religion as it exists today. Somadeva justifies his own attitude towards the Brahmanical religion by asserting that no one who speaks out the truth in regard to the Brahmanical deities and other concepts, exercising his own judgment, can be called a slanderer; otherwise the sun, and even the lamp, which reveal things as they are, would be slanderers, too (Book IV):

देवेषु चान्येषु विचारयन्नुच्यार्थवत्ता किमु निन्दकः स्यात् ।

एवं न चेत्तर्हि नयार्थदर्शी जातुः प्रदीपोऽपि न निन्दकः स्यात् ॥

It will be however fair to suppose that the real motive underlying Jaina criticism of Brahmanical tenets and practices was propaganda aimed at showing the latter religion in an unfavourable light, and bringing into relief the relative merits of the Jaina faith. Brahmanical writers do not appear to have taken any serious notice of attacks on their religion by hostile critics, but in Śrīharṣa's *Naiṣadhacarita* (Canto XVII) we find a systematic attempt not only to bring together the different charges levelled against the Brahmanical faith by the Jainas and the Buddhists but to formulate an elaborate reply to them from the orthodox standpoint. The aim of the author of *Naiṣadhacarita* is to demonstrate the triumph of Hindu orthodoxy over the heretics, while that of Somadeva is to portray its discomfiture in a religious controversy between a tenacious Jaina and a zealous champion of orthodox Brahmanism.

#### VAIṢṆAVISM

It is a noteworthy feature of *Yasastilaka* that, although it discusses or mentions so many philosophical and religious tenets of different schools, it is practically silent upon the Pāñcarātra system and Vaiṣṇava doctrine. This is all the more strange, because about the time when Somadeva wrote there was a large mass of Pāñcarātra literature extant in Kashmir, as shown by the citations in Utpala's *Spandaprāṇīpikā*, a commentary on Kallāṭa's *Spandakārikā*. Utpala wrote in the tenth century,<sup>2</sup> and quotes in his work *Pāñcarātrasūtrī*, *Pāñcarātropaniṣad*, and the three wellknown Samhitās *Jayā*, *Sātvatā* and *Paṇḍarā*. He quotes also the *Viṣṇuśāstra* and two

1 'इतिस्वदीक्षातुष्टाणामावस्थानात्तत्र चेन्न तदास्ति कार्यम् ॥'

2 Utpala quotes Ānandavardhana and is very probably earlier than Abhinavagupta. Chatterji: *Kashmir Shaivism*, part I, p. 13 ff.

texts called *Samkarsanasūtras* and *Jābālisūtras*, which, to judge from the citations, are clearly works dealing with Vaiṣṇava doctrine.<sup>1</sup> It would seem that while works dealing with Pāñcarātra or Vaiṣṇava doctrines were widely prevalent in Kashmir in the tenth century, they had not so far become current in the Deccan; otherwise it would be difficult to explain the absence of any reference to Pāñcarātra tenets in so encyclopaedic a writer as the author of *Yasastilaka*.

The Bhāgavatas are casually mentioned by Somadeva in a simile in *Yasastilaka*, Book I, and spoken of as resorting to Kṛṣṇabhūmi, explained in the commentary as referring to Dvārakā.<sup>2</sup> Another reference occurs towards the end of Book V, wherein Āsuri, one of the interlocutors of the sage Sudatta, in the episode of Caṇḍakarman, is described as a Bhāgavata; but in the discussion that follows he figures as an exponent of Sāṃkhya views. The silence of Somadeva on Vaiṣṇava doctrine seems to be an indication that Vaiṣṇavism was not a force to reckon with in the Deccan in the tenth century; and, in any case, it does not evoke any criticism in his work.

Certain characteristics of Viṣṇu are, it is true, criticized in *Yasastilaka*. Somadeva, for instance, criticizes the belief in the Incarnations of Viṣṇu, of which he gives the number as ten.<sup>3</sup> He refers also to Rādhā's relations with Nārāyaṇa,<sup>4</sup> and Kṛṣṇa's love for the cowherd maids.<sup>5</sup> But, on the whole, the deity appears in his work rather as a mythological character than as the central figure of a religious system. A passing reference to the idea that the universe is pervaded by Viṣṇu occurs in a description of evening scenery, in Book IV.<sup>6</sup>

The paucity of references to the cult of Viṣṇu, as contrasted with the prominence given to that of Śiva, in Somadeva's work, seems to suggest that, while Vaiṣṇavism existed during the period of the Rāṣtrakūṭas, it was Śaivism that wielded the greater influence, and formed the principal target of Jaina attacks. It is, however, necessary to go back much earlier to obtain a correct perspective of the relative position of the Vaiṣṇava and Śaiva faiths in the Deccan. The early Cālukyas were mostly, if not all, followers of the Vaiṣṇava cult. The Vaiṣṇava cave at Badami was excavated

1 A definition of Viṣṇu is quoted from the *Samkarsanasūtras*; while the citation from the *Jābālisūtras* declares Vāsudeva to be the supreme Soul.

2 'भागवता इव प्रतिपन्नकृष्णभूमयः' p. 13.

3 See Chap. XII.

4 See Chap. XVII.

5 गोविन्दो बल्लवीलोलः । 3. 204.

6 'सर्वं विष्णुमयं जगदिति सत्यतां जयदीप' p. 10.

in 578 A. D. under Kirtivarman I. In it was installed the image of Viṣṇu and provision made for *nārāyaṇabali* or offering to Nārāyaṇa.<sup>1</sup> Still more significant is the fact that most of the early and archaic-looking temples at Aihole, in the south-eastern portion of the Bijapur district, were originally dedicated to Viṣṇu, the usual cognizance being the figure of Garuḍa upon the dedicatory block over the shrine door.<sup>2</sup> The earliest of these temples are that of Lāḍ Khān and the Kontgudi group, ascribed to the beginning of the sixth century A. D. The temple of Lāḍ Khān<sup>3</sup> is square in plan and remarkable for its cave-like characteristics: the flat roof, and its want of elevation, the great massiveness of the pillars unusual in structural temples and the total absence of anything like a *śikhara* or tower, except for a small square shrine over the central portion of the roof. The temple has great lattice windows, beautifully finished, in the north and south sides; 'but the most decorated part of the temple is the front porch, the pillars of which have life-sized images upon them in bold relief'. The Kont-gudi temple is of the same type as the last, and, like it, square in plan. It is smaller in size, 'but, except for the pillars, it is hardly less massive in construction'. 'The roof in them idle, above the four pillars, is flat, and it slopes away from this square space, all around, to the four walls.' Upon the flat central portion of the roof is the first storey of an unfinished tower, with an image niche on each of its four sides. That on the west contains an image of the Varāha *avatāra* of Viṣṇu; while, on the east, is the Vāmana *avatāra*. By the side of Kont-gudi is another early temple, of an unusual type. The edifice is, in plan, more like an early Muhammadan mosque than a Hindu temple, being in the form of a long open verandah, with three rows of columns in its depth. 'The shrine is just where the *Mīhrāb* would have been, being formed by enclosing the space between the central pair of back pillars and the back walls, the doorway being between the pillars'. The pillars are of the same type as those at Lāḍ Khān's and upon the front of one of the pillars is an image of Narasimha. Close to this temple is another of the same class, 'built upon the same open verandah plan', somewhat smaller in size.

One of the most remarkable buildings at Aihole is that known as the Durga temple, which, in plan, closely resembles the Buddhist Caitya caves. As in these cathedral caves, the end of the temple is round or apsidal,

1 Bhandarkar: *Jainism, Saivism etc.*, Poona edition, p. 61.

2 See Cousens: *Chalukyan Architecture of the Kanarese Districts*, p. 32 ff.

3 So called, because a Muhammadan of that name, not long ago, lived in the deserted building.



and it has a central nave and two side aisles separated by two rows of columns. The central roof is flat and lofty, and that of the side aisles low and sloping. Perhaps the most conspicuous feature is the pillared verandah, outside, surrounding the temple, and projecting in front to form an open pillared hall, or porch. Garuda presiding above the shrine door shows that the temple was dedicated to Viṣṇu.

A characteristic common to the temples mentioned above is that the shrine is not a separate compartment from the hall, as is usual in Brahmanical temples, but is formed within the hall itself by enclosing the required space between one of the walls and the nearest pillars. In the *cāitya*-like Durga temple, the shrine is in the place where the *dagoba* would be. Even apart from the peculiar shrine, these early temples have many unusual characteristics and stand in a class by themselves, both as regards age and style. In addition to them, there are certain other temples at Aihole, also dedicated to Viṣṇu, which are considered to be earlier than the seventh century A. D., judging by the general style and 'more cyclopean-looking masonry.'

It will be thus seen that Vaiṣṇavism came to be associated with a very early type of architecture at Aihole, which must have been an important centre of the Viṣṇu cult during the sixth and seventh centuries A. D. But towards the beginning of the eighth century, the centre of gravity shifts to Paṭṭadakal, where we find massive temples being erected in honour of Śiva, and what looks like a change over to Śaivism takes place. Certain old shrines, for example, the Mālegitti-Śivalāya, which were originally dedicated to Viṣṇu, seem to have been converted to Śaiva worship at a later date.<sup>1</sup> On a pillar in the Durga temple at Aihole is a short inscription in letters of the 8th or 9th century, which reads "Śrī-Baṣa-mayya, the *bhaṭṭa* of Kisuvola." Paṭṭada Kisuvola is the ancient name of Paṭṭadakal, and the presence of the *bhaṭṭa* from that centre of Śaivism 'may be connected with the time when these temples were restored for Śaiva worship.'<sup>2</sup> There is another factor pointing to such conversion of Viṣṇu temples to Śaiva worship. A circular panel of carving representing the *tāṇḍava* dance of Śiva is found, for example, on the front of most of the old temples at Aihole. But the slab often lies loosely against the tower instead of being built in with it; and in the earliest temples the sculpture is of inferior quality compared with that on the other parts. It is probable that the slab bearing representation of the *tāṇḍava* is a later addition made when the temples were first converted to Śaiva worship.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> See above.

<sup>2</sup> Consens (op. cit.), p. 39.

<sup>3</sup> Consens (op. cit.), p. 40.

Vaiṣṇavism appears to have been a secondary cult under the Rāṣṭrakūṭas. The great cave temples at Ellora were, with a few exceptions, excavated for the worship of Śiva, if we exclude the Buddhist and Jain caves. The two-storied Daśāvatāra cave is no doubt an exception, and contains sculptures representing Viṣṇu resting on Śeṣa; Viṣṇu, six-armed, holding up the Govardhana hill; and the Varāha, Vāmana and Narasimha incarnations. The shrine was excavated about the middle of the eighth century A. D. in the reign of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa king Dantidurga, whose triumphs are recorded in an inscription upon the cave.<sup>1</sup> But Śaiva sculpture preponderates even in the Daśāvatāra cave. Some of them illustrate the Bhairava aspect of Śiva<sup>2</sup>; and there is another of particular interest, designed to prove the superiority of Śiva to Brahmā and Viṣṇu who fail to discover the top and the base respectively of the great *linga*.<sup>3</sup> There is another Vaiṣṇava cave at Ellora (No. XXVII), known as the Milkmaid's cave, 'but the style of it says but little for the wealth or influence of the sect in the days when it was executed.'<sup>4</sup>

As already stated, if temple architecture is any index to the influence and popularity of a religion, Śaivism was the more important faith during the rule of the Cālukyas of Kalyāṇi. There exist a comparatively few examples of later Cālukyan temples dedicated to Viṣṇu. Vikramāditya VI constructed a large temple of Viṣṇu, and had a tank dug in front of it.<sup>5</sup> An inscription slab, in the court-yard of the temple of Dakṣiṇa-Kedāreśvara, records a grant, in 1075 A. D., of a village to the Vaiṣṇava temple of Narasimha at Baḷigāve, or Balagāmve, now a small village in Mysore territory, fourteen miles south-west of Hira-Kerūr in the Dharwar district.<sup>6</sup> The Basti or Kalla-Guḍi at Degāmve, about twenty-five miles south-east from Belgaum, is a decorated medieval temple consisting of 'a long pillared hall in front of three shrines on the west side, the middle one projecting forward into the hall in advance of the other two'. The central shrine contains an image of Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa. An inscription in the temple records the building of the shrines of Kamalānārāyaṇa and Mahālakṣmī; while another records a grant by Kamalādevī, queen of the Kādamba chief of Goa, to Brāhmaṇas of the village of Degāmve, in 1175 A. D.<sup>7</sup> Standing at right

1 Cousens (*op. cit.*), p. 9.

2 Burgess: *A Guide to Ellora Cave Temples*, p. 27.

3 See Chap. XVII.

4 Burgess (*op. cit.*), p. 46.

5 *Vikramādityaśataka* XVII. 15 ff.

6 Cousens (*op. cit.*), p. 106.

7 *Ibid.* p. 119.

angles to the temple of Siddheśvara at Hāveri, in the Dharwar district, is a smaller Vaiṣṇava temple dedicated to Narasimha, a large image of the deity being found in the shrine. Mahādeva, the general of Vikramāditya VI, who built the great Śiva temple at Ittagi towards the end of the eleventh century, built also the temple of Nārāyaṇa, which might be identified with the smaller temple, built in granite, upon the south side of the main temple. 'It occupies very much the same position with regard to the main temple as the Vaiṣṇava shrine of Narasimha does to the temple of Siddheśvara at Hāveri.'

Of the later Cālukyan temples in the Bellary district of Madras Presidency, there appear to be few that are dedicated to Viṣṇu. Notable exceptions are the temple of Venugopālasvāmin at Māgalā and that of Keśavasvāmin at Huvinahadgalli.<sup>1</sup>

It is apparent, on the whole, that more elaborate provision seems to have been made for the organised worship of Śiva than for the cult of Viṣṇu under the ruling dynasties of the Deccan. There is also the important fact that, in the history of the Deccan, during seven centuries, Vaiṣṇavism has nothing so imposing and grand to show as the temple of Virūpākṣa at Paṭṭadakal or Kailāsa at Ellora or Mahādeva at Ittagi.

The situation is not far different in the northern part of the Deccan where, architecturally, the most important temple is the great shrine of Śiva at Ambaranātha, built in the eleventh century A. D. The temple of Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa at Pedgaon, near Srigunda in the Ahmadnagar district, is 'a perfect little gem', but its date is not known.<sup>2</sup> Far more important for the religious history of the Deccan is the celebrated Vaiṣṇava temple of Viṭhobā, or Viṭṭhala, at Paṇḍharpur in the Sholapur district, on the banks of the Bhimā. The present temple is of little interest from an architectural point of view; but there is no doubt that it succeeded an older one to the same deity, as an inscription upon a pilaster of a former temple, now used as an overhead beam in the present, informs us that the Hoysala king Vira-Someśvara presented a gift of gold to the god Viṭṭhala in Samvat 1159 (1237 A. D.).<sup>3</sup> Viṭhobā is perhaps the most popular deity in the Deccan, but the temple dedicated to him is not known to have existed before the thirteenth century. The

1 See Bea: *Chalukyan Architecture*, 1896.

2 Cousens: *Medieval Temples of the Dakhan*, p. 56.

3 Ibid. p. 64. For another reference see Bhandarkar: *Vaiṣṇavism, Saivism etc.*, Poona edition, p. 124.

cult itself must have existed before this, and probably goes back to a much earlier date, but it is difficult to determine its extent and influence during the period under consideration.

While speaking of the relative position of Vaiṣṇavism and Śaivism in the Deccan, it is necessary to point out that there appears to have been no sharp division between the two cults in those early days. On the other hand, a certain amount of syncretism is apparent in the religious thought of the time. The popularity of the conception of *trimūrti* is an illustration of this. An inscription of the reign of the Cālukya king Vijayāditya says that images of Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Maheśvara were installed in Vātāpipura (Badami) in the third year of his reign, that is, in 699 A. D. The images of these three deities occur also in the panels of the ceilings of several of the oldest temples at Aihole. For example, in the temple beside that of Kont-guḍi, there are finely carved images of Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva in each of the three central bays of the ceiling, Śiva being placed in the centre.<sup>1</sup> There was a temple at Salotgi in the Bijapur district, in the 10th century, for the joint worship of Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva.<sup>2</sup> No less significant is the impartial mixture of Śaiva and Vaiṣṇava sculptures in the early temples of the Deccan. For example, on the exterior walls of the temple of Pāpanātha at Paṭṭadakal, there are images of Śiva in various attitudes, Viṣṇu, Mahiṣāsura-mardini, Gaṇapati, Narasimha, Varāha, the Vāmana *avatāra*, and Kṛṣṇa, upholding the Govardhana hill. Among the sculptures on the walls of the temple of Virūpākṣa, are found Ardhanārī, the Vāmana *avatāra* and Viṣṇu upon the east face of the edifice; Śiva and Pārvatī, the *tāṇḍava* of Śiva, Harihara, Bhairava and Varāha on the north side; Śiva and Viṣṇu in various forms on the west wall; and Lakulīśa, Śiva in different forms, Viṣṇu and Narasimha among those on the south wall. Similarly, there is 'an impartial mixture of Śaiva and Vaiṣṇava subjects in the image groups, representing Narasimha, Mahiṣāsura-mardini, Varāha, Viṣṇu, Ardhanārī and Śiva, in the niches around the walls in the outer verandah of the Durga temple at Aihole. Among the sculptures on the pillars in the Śaiva temple of Mallikārjuna or Trailokyēśvara at Paṭṭadakal are depicted scenes from the life of Kṛṣṇa. He is seen, for example, killing Kamsa's great elephant, then the demon Keśin who is in the shape of a horse, and, at the end, Ariṣṭa who attacked him in the shape of a savage bull.'<sup>3</sup>

1 Cousens: *Chalukyan Architecture of the Kanarese Districts*, p. 37, Fig. 3.

2 Altakar: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and their times*, pp. 275, 403.

3 Cousens (*op. cit.*), pp. 38, 64, 66, 70.

It will be seen that, among the incarnations of Viṣṇu, Varāha, Vāmana and Narasimha are the most frequent in the sculptural representations of that deity in the early temples of the Deccan. At Ellora, as in the Daśavatāra cave, they are found also in the Kailāsa temple, in the corridor surrounding the back half of the court.<sup>1</sup> The ten incarnations of Viṣṇu are found sculptured on a huge rock at Badami, close behind the Bhūtanātha group of temples. Upon the south side of this rock is a sculpture of Nārāyaṇa reclining upon Śeṣa, with the ten *avatāras* in a row above him, some on one side and some on the other side of Brahmā.<sup>2</sup> The sculpture in question is no doubt much earlier than the reference to the ten *avatāras* in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*. The number of the *avatāras* came, as a matter of fact, to be fixed at ten long before the tenth century A. D. A verse inscription in Pallava-Grantha characters of about the eighth century A. D., found in the rock-cut temple of Varāha-Perumāl at Mahābalipuram, enumerates the ten incarnations as follows: the Fish, the Tortoise, the Boar, the Man-Lion, the Dwarf, Rāma, Rāma (Paraśurāma), Rāma (Balarāma), Buddha and Kalkin.<sup>3</sup> The reference to the ten *avatāras* in Somadeva's work is, however, of some importance as showing that they were well-known, and probably worshipped, in the Deccan in the tenth century. The image of Nārāyaṇa with the ten *avatāras*, on the rock at Badami, is still worshipped, and a small shrine has been built for the purpose in front of the rock.<sup>4</sup>

The close contiguity of Śaiva and Vaiṣṇava shrines at Hāveri, and probably also at Ittagi, is an indication of the harmonious co-existence of the two cults. Interesting examples of Śaiva and Vaiṣṇava shrines standing in close juxtaposition to one another have been found in Mysore State, at Marale in the Chikmangalur Taluk, and at Mosale, a village about eight miles to the south of Hassan. The twin temples at Mosale are ornate structures standing side by side, a few feet apart, and belong to the Hoysala style of architecture. They are identical in size and workmanship, and have been assigned, on architectural grounds, to the twelfth century A. D., when most of the ornate temples in Mysore State came into being. One of the shrines is dedicated to Śiva styled as Nāgeśvara, while the other contains a Viṣṇu image called Channakeśava.<sup>5</sup>

1 Burgess (op. cit.), p. 32.

2 Cousens (op. cit.), p. 57.

3 Sastri: *Two statues of Pallava Kings and Five Pallava Inscriptions*. (*Memoirs of the Archaeological Survey of India*), p. 5.

4 Cousens (op. cit.), p. 57.

5 *Annual Report of the Mysore Archaeological Department for 1924*, p. 6.

As Purāṇic deities, Śiva and Viṣṇu were equally revered in the Deccan, as elsewhere, a trend reflected in sculpture as well as literature. Among the few non-Jaina writers of the Rāṣṭrakūṭa period, Trivikrama Bhaṭṭa, the author of *Nalacampū*, who lived in the early years of the tenth century, under Indra III, was a staunch adherent of the Śaiva faith. The work is described in the colophons as 'imprinted with the lotus feet of Śiva', and the concluding verse of each chapter contains a phrase expressive of devotion to Śiva. The sixth chapter of *Nalacampū* contains, however, a fervent hymn to Viṣṇu; and this also reminds us of the fact that the opening verse of Rāṣṭrakūṭa grants offers salutation to Viṣṇu as well as Śiva. Devotion to both the deities was part of the religious syncretism of the time, and shows the popularity and ascendancy of the Purāṇic religion as a whole. But the evidence furnished by architecture and literary sources shows that, as an organised cult, Vaiṣṇavism occupied a subsidiary position in the Deccan, and seems to have prevailed there in the shadow of Śaivism for several centuries, say, from the eighth to the twelfth. The Vaiṣṇava cult was hardly a rival of Jainism in the Deccan; and we find, accordingly, Jaina attacks levelled chiefly against Śaivism, which was its greatest rival even before the rise of the Liṅgāyats.

#### BUDDHISTS AND OTHER SECTS

The Jainas had nothing but contempt for those communities who had no objection to taking flesh and wine. In *Yasastilaka* VI. 10 the Veda and the Buddhist and the Śaiva scriptures are described as favouring the use of honey, flesh and wine.<sup>1</sup> The Buddhists are particularly decried for not observing any restrictions in regard to food and drink. In *Yasastilaka* VI. 2 Somadeva asks: How can the wise respect the Buddhist who is addicted to flesh and wine?<sup>2</sup>

In another verse the Buddhist appears to be described as a votary of what is called *advaita* pure and simple. Somadeva seems to say that, excepting the Jaina doctrine, all other systems favour either 'the path of duality' (*dvaita*) or 'that of non-duality' (*advaita*); and he illustrates his remarks by saying that the Mantrin or the Śaiva mystic follows the *Vāmamārga* and the *Dakṣiṇamārga*, and the Brahmanical Scriptures lay stress on Karma and Jñāna, while those of the Buddhists merely prescribe

1 'वृत्तिशब्दशिवान्नादः क्षीरमांसस्यजवः' p. 296.

2 'कथं मनीषिभिर्मान्यस्मरसासवश्चक्री' p. 276.

flesh-eating.<sup>1</sup> In *Yasastilaka* VII. 24 the Buddhists are mentioned first among certain communities who recommend the eating of flesh.<sup>2</sup>

The quarrel of the Jainas and the Buddhists over the question of using flesh as an article of food goes back to very early times. "In the time of Buddha there was in Vaiśālī a wealthy general named Siha who was a convert to Buddhism. He became a liberal supporter of the Brethren and kept them constantly supplied with good flesh food. When it was noised abroad that the bhikshus were in the habit of eating such food specially provided for them the Tirthikas made the practice a matter of angry reproach." The Master thereupon announced to the Brethren "the law that they were not to eat the flesh of any animal which they had seen put to death for them, or about which they had been told that it had been killed for them, or about which they had reason to suspect that it had been slain for them. But he permitted to the Brethren as 'pure' (that is, lawful) food the flesh of animals the slaughter of which had not been seen by the bhikshus, not heard of by them, and not suspected by them to have been on their account. In the Pali and Ssu-fen Vinaya it was after a breakfast given by Siha to the Buddha and some of the Brethren, for which the carcase of a large ox was procured, that the Nirgranthas reviled the bhikshus and Buddha instituted this new rule declaring fish and flesh *pure* in the three conditions. The animal food now permitted to the bhikshus ..... was tersely described as '*unseen, unheard, unsuspected*' ..... Two more kinds of animal food were later "declared lawful for the Brethren, viz. the flesh of animals which had died a natural death, and that of animals which had been killed by a bird of prey or other savage creature."<sup>3</sup> This was the Hinayānist position

1 जैनके मंत्र मुक्ता द्वैताद्वैतसमाख्यौ । मार्गौ समाभिताः सर्वे सर्वास्तुपगमायमाः ॥ वामदक्षिणमार्गस्यो मन्त्री-  
तरसमाख्यः । कर्मज्ञानगतो देवः संमुखावद्विज्ञानमः ॥ The Ms. A remarks मन्त्रेण सर्वाद् वशीकरोति देवः ।  
मांसमाशयति बौद्धः । जीवहोमादिक्रियाज्ञानप्राप्तो विप्रः ।

2 'तच्छाक्यसंख्यचार्याक' etc. A little further on, Somadeva says that a king named Śaurasena, although he had taken a vow to abstain from flesh-eating, became addicted to it, being misled by the doctrines of the Veda, medical lore and the Advaita doctrine (वेदवैवाहितमतमोहितमतिः). The Advaitamata obviously refers to the Buddhist view of flesh-eating.

3 Watters: *Yuan Chwang's Travels in India 629-645 A. D.*, Vol. I, p. 55. Manichaeism, which prohibited the slaughter of animals, permitted the Hearers, as distinguished from the Elect, to eat flesh food when it had been slain by others. Cf. Wand: *A History of the Early Church*, p. 141. The Manichaean Elect and Hearers corresponded pretty well to monks and seculars. Babylon was the birth-place of Manichaeism, and Manes, the founder of the new religion about the middle of the third century, was brought up in the sect of the Mugthasila, who laid special stress on abstinence from flesh, wine and women. Kidd: *A History of the Church*, Vol. I, p. 506.



in regard to the use of flesh as an article of food. The Mahāyānist rule, on the other hand, prohibited "the use of flesh of any kind as food by the 'sons of Buddha'", and "some Mahāyānists were strict in abstaining, not only from all kinds of flesh food, but also from milk and its products."<sup>1</sup> In Yuan Chwang's time, for instance, there were three Buddhist monasteries in Karpasuvārṇa (in Bengal) "in which in accordance with the teaching of Devadatta milk products were not taken as food."<sup>2</sup> So far as Jaina criticism is concerned, the writers do not make any distinction between Hinayānists and Mahāyānists and condemn the Buddhists as a class for partaking of animal food. That there was considerable laxity in matters of food and drink among the Buddhists in the tenth century and thereabouts seems extremely probable, and charges of soft living were in fact occasionally levelled against them. Devasena, who wrote about twentyfive years earlier than Somadeva, severely criticizes Buddhist doctrine, in his *Bhāvasaṃgraha*, and remarks that the Buddhist regards whatever falls into his begging bowl as pure, eats flesh and shamelessly drinks wine, but if it were possible to go to heaven by eating flesh and drinking wine, it is the drunkards and the huntsmen that would go thither.<sup>3</sup> Similarly, Udayana, who wrote a few decades after Somadeva, says that the absence of any restrictions in the matter of food and drink, eating at all hours of the day, and lightness of religious duties are among the causes that induce men to become Buddhists.<sup>4</sup> Hemacandra says in his commentary on his *Yogasāstra* 4.102 that the practice of austerities is impossible for the Buddhists who eat day and night, and make no distinction between lawful and forbidden food. Further, he remarks in an interesting verse that the religion of the Buddha is excellent indeed, its essentials being a soft bed, rice-gruel in the morning, boiled rice at noon, drinking bouts in the evening, and sugarcandy at night.<sup>5</sup> The Buddhists, on the whole, gave offence to the Jains by their indulgence in food and drink which the latter abhorred.

In *Yasastilaka* VIII. 43 Somadeva advises his co-religionists to have nothing to do with the Buddhists, the Nāstikas, the Adepts in sacrifices, the Jātilas (that is, the Śaivas) and the Ājīvakas.<sup>6</sup> There is no doubt that a

1 Watters (op. cit.), p. 57.

2 Watters, Vol. II, p. 191.

3 पशुपक्षिणं च दूतं चारुं पशुं विवहं मय्यु निहन्ति । इच्छन्त्यासन्नं मोक्षमगमं च पादेषु ॥ अतिक्रमं संसारां मज्जं विनिक्रमं गम्यन्त्यसन्नं । जहं पशुं तो मुञ्चन्त्य पारक्षियं नैव गच्छन्ति ॥ Verses 68-9

4 'संभवन्ति चैते हेतवो बौद्धाणामपरीमये । तथाहि भूयस्तान् कर्मजायन्मिल्लताः । ..... अक्षयनियम इति रागिणः । ..... सप्तवटिकासोजनारिसिद्धिजीविकेत्योक्ताः । *Nyāyakuśumāsājalī*, chap. 2.

5 विवसे च राजन्यां च मुक्तापुच्छं मसलात् । भक्ष्यामस्यप्रापिकानां लोगतानां कुतस्तपः ॥ सुहृदी शय्या मातः पेया मध्ये मज्जं सार्यं यानम् । द्राक्षाक्षण्डं रात्रेर्नैव्ये शक्योपकः साधुर्नैः ॥ Verses 9 and 10.

6 श्वाक्यनास्तिकपागण्डवटिलबीजकादिभिः । सहाकारं सहाजर्म तत्सेवां च विवर्जयेत् ॥

certain amount of communal hatred existed between the Jainas and the Buddhists, and mutual recriminations are occasionally found in the religious literature of both the communities. The Jainas contended that since the Buddhists denied the existence of the Self, all their talk of compassion and philanthropy was meaningless. The Buddha is accordingly called 'ferocious and merciless' (1) in Jataśimhanandi's *Varāṅgacarita* 25. 84.<sup>2</sup> On similar grounds Akalaṅka accuses the Buddha of criminal propensities such as injury to others, falsehood, theft and unchastity!<sup>3</sup>

The Buddhists are likewise in the habit of giving expression to their contempt for the Jainas and their habits and customs. The celebrated Mahāyāna work *Saddharma-puṇḍarīka* (earlier than the third century) says, for instance, that the Bodhisattva 'must avoid such monks as follow the precepts of the Arhat, and immoral men (chap. XIII)'.<sup>4</sup>

The practice of nudity (*nagnabdhva*) mentioned in the *Lalitavistara* (chap. XVII) among the stupid customs followed by the adherents of the non-Buddhist systems obviously refers to the Digambara monks. In the first half of the seventh century, the great Chinese traveller Hsüan-tsang (the name is variously spelt), a philosopher of Mahāyāna Buddhism, ridicules Jainism as a sort of caricature of the Buddhist religion. "These sectarians", writes Hsüan-tsang, "give themselves up to extreme austerities. Day and night they display the most ardent zeal without a moment's respite. The law expounded by their founder (Mahāvīra) has been largely stolen from the books of Buddha, and on this he guided himself when laying down his precepts and rules. In their religious observances and exercises, they follow almost entirely the rule of the Buddhist monks..... The statue of their teacher, by a kind of impertinent imitation, resembles that of Buddha." Here is a picture of the Digambara monks drawn by the Chinese pilgrim: "The Jainas think they gain distinction by leaving their bodies entirely naked, and they make a virtue of tearing out their hair. Their skin is all broken, and their feet are horny and cracked; they are like those rotten trees that are found close to a river."<sup>5</sup> In similar but less dignified language, certain Digambara practices are held up to ridicule in the *Dohakoṣa* of Sarojavajra (Saraha) written in an Apabhramśa dialect sometime between the eighth and twelfth centuries.<sup>6</sup> Saraha, who was a Buddhist Tantric writer, says that if it were possible to attain salvation by going about naked, the dogs and the jackals would surely attain it. As

1 'बुद्धस्तु रौद्रो निरनुग्रहश्च'।

2 सिद्धिनिपातलेख्यामहाचर्यमण्डितः । स प्रत्यस्तमितानेवदोषो नेति प्रतीयते ॥ *Nyāyaviniśaya*, verse 390.

3 *Trans.* Kern, p. 265 (*S. B. E.*)

4 Grousset: *In the footsteps of the Buddha*, pp. 197-8.

5 Ed. H. P. Sastri in *बौद्ध गान ओ दोहा*, Introduction, p. 6.

regards the practice of plucking out the hair, he says something positively indecent. Then he says that if the carrying of peacock's feathers led to salvation, the horses and the elephants who are decorated with them were bound to obtain it!<sup>1</sup> Recriminations of this type point to theological hatred, but there is no reason to suppose that there was any deep-seated hostility between the Jainas and the Buddhists. As pointed out by S. C. Vidyabhusan, 'there was no bitter rivalry' between the two communities. According to the same scholar, the Jaina writers Rabhasa Nandi (circa 850 A. D.) and Kalyāṇacandra (about 1000 A. D.) appear to have written commentaries on the Buddhist logician Dharmakīrti's *Sambandha-parīkṣā* and *Pramāṇa-vārtika* respectively; while the Jaina Mallavādin (about 962 A. D.) wrote a commentary on *Nyāya-bindu-ṭīkā* of Dharmottara.<sup>2</sup>

The Ājīvakas whom Somadeva mentions among the communities to be shunned by the Jainas were an ancient sect founded by Maṅkhaliputra Gośālaka, a contemporary of Mahāvīra, and the present reference to them shows that members of this sect were still to be found in the tenth century. The Jainas disliked the Ājīvakas, as their founder Gośālaka was a bitter rival and opponent of Mahāvīra, and the former is, as a matter of fact, represented as something of an impostor in early Jaina literature.<sup>3</sup> Nor were the Ājīvakas liked by the Buddhists. Just as Somadeva asks the Jainas to keep aloof from Ājīvakas, Buddhists, Nāstikas and others, similarly the *Saddharma-puṇḍarīka* (Chap. XIII) declares that the Bodhisattva never associates with Carakas, Parivrājakas, Ājīvakas and Nirgranthas (Jainas).<sup>4</sup> The Ājīvakas had certain peculiar doctrines, e. g. the Niyativāda, an extreme form of fatalism propounded by Gośālaka, and seem to have flourished in South India for centuries after the age of Mahāvīra, as their doctrines are included among the contemporary philosophical systems described in detail in the Tamil epic *Maṇimekhalai*, assigned to the early centuries of the Christian era. In another Tamil epic of the same age, the *Silappadikāram*, the father of the heroine Kaṇṇaki is said to have distributed his wealth among the Ājīvaka friars. "This is a very important

1 अहं यथा विमं द्रोहं मुनिं ताः तांश्च नृणां शिखांश्च, ज्योतिष्मद्भ्यो न च सिद्धिः, तांश्च नृणां शिखांश्च विच्छिद्यते सिद्धिः सोऽयं, तांश्च नृणां शिखांश्च ।

2 *A History of Indian Logic*, pp. 194, 198.

3 See Gopani: *Ājīvika sect—A new interpretation* in *Bhāratīya Vidyā*, Vol II, part II.

4 *Trans. Kern*, p. 263 (S. B. E.). In ancient Buddhist texts the Ājīvakas are regarded as the worst of the sophists. 'As the sect is thrice mentioned in the Asoka Edicts as receiving royal gifts, it is certain that it retained an important position for several centuries at least.' Rhys Davids: *Dialogues of the Buddha*, Part I, p. 71.

reference inasmuch as the religion of the Ājivakas, if it could be so described, was undoubtedly practised in South India at the time".<sup>1</sup> It should be noted in this connection that Somadeva, contrary to his usual practice, does not mention any doctrines of the sect so that we cannot tell how far any well-defined Ājivaka system prevailed in his time. All that the reference to the Ājivaks in *Yasastilaka* proves is the existence of the sect in the tenth century.

In *Yasastilaka* VII. 24 Somadeva seems to refer to another sect, although it is not explicitly mentioned. He says that such is the peculiarity of things that the cow's milk is pure but not the flesh, just as the gem supposed to be on the hood of a snake counteracts poison, while snake-poison itself causes death. Again, milk may be taken, but not the cow's flesh; just as the leaves of a poisonous plant may be taken for the cure of disease, while its roots are sure to cause death.<sup>2</sup> Somadeva seems here to reply to an argument that if it was permissible to take milk there was no reason why one should not take beef. Exactly this opinion is put in the mouth of the leader of the Rahamāṇa sect in the Jaina allegorical play *Moharāja-Parājaya* written about two centuries later, wherein he declares that just as one takes cow's milk, similarly one may take also cow's flesh without incurring sin. Rahamāṇa says further that according to Dhanika, Dharma consists in the killing of Brāhmaṇa ascetics.<sup>3</sup> We do not know anything about this Rahamāṇa who appears in the play along with the Kaula and the Kāpālika, but the views attributed to him might very well represent those of the Muslims. It is not clear whether Somadeva had in mind the views of any particular sect or community while making the statements cited above, but it was not impossible for him to have been acquainted with Muslim customs, since the contact between Indian and Muslim cultures goes back to a date at least two centuries earlier than the composition of his *Yasastilaka*.

The conflict of religions in the Deccan in the tenth century should not blind us to the general spirit of toleration prevailing in the age. Much important evidence has been adduced by scholars to prove the existence of concord and harmony in the sphere of religion, and we have referred elsewhere<sup>4</sup> to isolated attempts at a synthesis of divergent philosophical and religious views in the century.

1 Aiyangar: *Maṇimēkhalai in its historical setting*, pp. 57, 193.

2 शुद्धं दुग्धं न गोमांसं वस्तुवैविध्यमीदृशम् । विषाणं रक्तमाहेवं विषं च विपरीतं वतः ॥ अथवा, हेयं पलं पयः पेयं सजे सत्ववि कारणे । विषदोरायुषे पयं मूलं तु मृतये मतम् ॥

3 रहमानः—(साटोपम्) अहं विजय गोच्छीरं पलासणे तह यं नरिणं सो दोसो । इत्ययं लिखितवद्दणे यम्मो विदुः सिं वणिचण ॥ ५. 24.

4 See Chap. IX.

## CHAPTER XIV

### JAINA CRITICISM OF VEDIC SACRIFICES

Apart from the criticism of popular Hinduism, Somadeva denounces the Vedic sacrificial system for sanctioning animal slaughter in the controversial dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV. As examples of Vedic rites involving the killing of animals he mentions Rājasūya, Vājapeya, Gosava, Aśvamedha, Kāriri and Puṇḍarika (in which an elephant is said to have been sacrificed),<sup>1</sup> and condemns also the Sautrāmaṇi sacrifice in which it was customary to drink wine.<sup>2</sup> Vedic sacrifices are represented as sinful also in Buddhist texts, for example, in the *Mahāvastu* (Vol. II, p. 237) wherein Māra instigates the Bodhisattva to perform certain sacrifices for the attainment of heaven and religious merit, viz. Aśvamedha, Puruṣamedha, Somaprāsa, Nirargaḍa (?), Paduma and Puṇḍarika.<sup>3</sup> References like these are of a literary character and do not always point to contemporary conditions. In any case Somadeva's criticism of Vedic sacrifices and citations from sacrificial texts do not prove that Vedic rites were common in his time, as Vedic sacrifices seem to have gone out of vogue and become obsolete by the tenth century. The Smārta religion reigned supreme; and it has been pointed out, for instance, that there are only two Rāṣṭrakūṭa inscriptions which record grants made to enable Brāhmanas to perform Vedic sacrifices like Rājasūya, Vājapeya and Agniṣṭoma. "In all other cases the grants were made for discharging purely Smārta duties connected with *bali*, *caru*, *vaiśvadeva*." Further, "Alberuni was informed that the Vedic sacrifices were rarely performed and practically abandoned because they presupposed a long life....."<sup>4</sup> It may be added that the decline of Vedic sacrifices must have set in long before the tenth century or even the Rāṣṭrakūṭa period. Śaṅkara in his *Bhāṣya* on the *Vedānta Sūtras* 3. 1. 25, indeed, speaks of Vedic rites as if they were still being performed by cultured people in his time.<sup>5</sup> But it is important to note that the *Prasastapāda Bhāṣya*, which belongs to the early centuries of the Christian era, while laying down the religious duties of a householder in connection with

1 'तथा वेदेऽप्यात्मभेदोपशान्तयेविशेषशमनार्थं च राजसूयपुण्डरीकाश्वमेधगोसवनाश्वमेधादिषु कर्षिकामेष्टिकारीतिहादिषु च यज्ञेषु प्रहृष्टोऽयं प्राणिवधः स च वधो न भवति ।' The object of the Kāriri sacrifice was to bring rain. For references see Handiqui: *Naishadhacarita*, Vocabulary (sub voce).

2 See, for example, the first story of Book VII, summarized in Chap. XVI.

3 'महायज्ञानि च यज्ञाहि अश्वमेधं पुष्यमेधं सोमप्रासं निर्गण्डं वदुमं पुण्डरीकं च । एतानि यज्ञानि यजित्वा प्रेक्ष स्वर्गेषु भोदिस्यसि बहु च पुण्यं प्रसविष्यसि ।'

4 Altekar: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and their times*, p. 279.

5 'तस्माद्विद्युत्वं कर्म वैदिकं शिष्टैरदुशीयमानत्वादनिन्द्यमानत्वाच्च ।'

the Vaiśeṣika scheme of spiritual discipline, prescribes in the first instance Smārta rites such as the five Mahāyajñas and the Pākayajñas, and then mentions the Śrauta sacrifices: the Haviryajñas (Agnyādheya, Darsapaurṇamāsa etc.) and the Somayajñas (Agniṣṭoma, Ukthya etc.), to be undertaken *if one has the capacity to do so*.<sup>1</sup> Udayana who wrote in the last quarter of the tenth century says in his *Nyāyakusumāñjali*, chap. 2, that Vedic rites such as Rājāsūya and Aśvamedha were dying out in his time, as they were no longer performed, and that in his age Dharma rested only on one foot, charity, owing to the decline of the Vedic sacrifices.<sup>2</sup> The Nyāya theory of *sākhoccheda*, the dying out of the Vedic schools, was, in fact, more in conformity with the process of history than the Mīmāṃsā view which refused to believe in any such decay.

It may, however, be readily admitted that Vedic sacrifices continued to be sporadically performed till quite recent times; and contemporary evidence of the performance of such rites is not rare. The Aśvamedha, in particular, attracted many kings of the ruling dynasties. For example, the Ikṣvāku king Vāsiṣṭhīputra Cāṇṭamūla I, who reigned in the Andhra country about the second quarter of the third century A. D., is said to have performed the Aśvamedha and Vājapeya sacrifices.<sup>3</sup> Several inscriptions of the Vākāṭaka kings, who ruled in Central Provinces and Berar, state that Pravarasena I who reigned about the end of the third century A. D. performed four Aśvamedhas besides several other Vedic sacrifices such as Agniṣṭoma, Āptoryāma, Ukthya, Śoḍaśin, Atirātra, Vājapeya, Bṛhaspatisava and Sādyaskra. The inscriptions of the Vākāṭakas frequently mention their kinsmen, the Bhāraśivas, who seem to have established themselves on the banks of the Ganges, and are said to have celebrated as many as ten Aśvamedhas.<sup>4</sup> In Gupta records Samudragupta (circa 330-375 A. D.) is stated to have revived the Aśvamedha which had long been in abeyance, evidently in North India; for it seems to have been quite popular in the South. The Pallava king Śivaskandavarman, who has been assigned to about the beginning of the fourth century A. D., is reported to have performed the Agniṣṭoma, Vājapeya and Aśvamedha sacrifices.<sup>5</sup> Dahrasena, the Traikūṭaka king of Northern Deccan, who ruled in the second half of the

1 'पञ्चानां महायज्ञानां सार्यप्रातरनुष्ठानम् एकाभिधिविधानेन पाकयज्ञसंस्थानां च नित्यानां, शकौ विप्रमानायामभ्यासेवादीनां च हविर्वैश्वसंस्थानामग्निष्टोमादीनां सोमयज्ञसंस्थानां च ।'

2 'वैदिका अप्याचारो राजसूयाभ्येवायवः समुच्छिद्यमाना इत्यन्ते । यत इदानीं नानुष्ठीयन्ते ।' 'पूर्वं चतुष्पाद्वर्षे आसीत् .....संप्रति कीर्त्यते यज्ञे दानेकपात् ।'

3 Sarkar: *The Early Pallavas*, p. 17.

4 'पराक्रमविगतभागीरथ्यमल्लजलमूर्धामिषिकानां दशमवेणवभृषकातानाम्'

5 Sarkar (op. cit.), p. 38.

fifth century, and the Kadamba king Kṛṣṇavarman I, who ruled in West Mysore and Kanara about the end of the fifth century A. D., are also credited with the performance of the Aśvamedha.<sup>1</sup> In the sixth century A. D. the Cālukya Pulakeśi I is mentioned as having performed a great many sacrifices including the Aśvamedha.<sup>2</sup> A much later instance is that of the Cola king Rājādhirāja I, who is known to have performed the Aśvamedha about the middle of the eleventh century.<sup>3</sup> The Yādava king Kṛṣṇa (1247-1260 A. D.) is said to have performed a great many sacrifices and 'brought fresh strength to the Vedic ceremonial religion which in the course of time had lost its hold over the people.'<sup>4</sup> Cāṇḍupāṇḍita, the author of a learned commentary on Śrīharṣa's *Naishadhacarita*, performed a large number of important sacrifices, showing that Vedic ritual was not extinct in Gujarat in the last quarter of the thirteenth century.<sup>5</sup> The Vājapeya was performed in the sixteenth century for the Vijayanagara kings Nṛsiṃha and Kṛṣṇa-Rāya.<sup>6</sup> The Aśvamedha was performed by Sevai Jayasing of Amber as late as the first half of the eighteenth century.<sup>7</sup>

Somadeva while condemning animal slaughter for religious purposes combats the theory that killing in Vedic sacrifices is not, properly speaking, killing, as it ensures to the victim life in heaven.<sup>8</sup> The subject is more systematically dealt with by Malliṣeṇa (1292 A. D.) in his *Syādvādamāñjari* (under verse 11). He tries to show that the killing of animals even for the purpose of Vedic sacrifices is a grievous sin, and quotes in support of his thesis the views of certain Brahmanical thinkers, Sāṃkhya and Vedāntins and Vyāsa, who abhorred the practice of animal slaughter in Vedic ritual.

तथा च पठन्ति पारमर्षाः । द्यूषं लिप्त्वा पशून् हत्वा कुत्वा कविरकर्मणम् । यद्येवं गम्यते स्वर्गो नरके केन गम्यते ॥<sup>9</sup>  
वेदान्तिका अप्याहुः । अग्रे तमसि मज्जामः पशुभिर्नैव ज्ञानमे । हिंसा नाम भवेद्धर्मो न मृतो न मत्सिष्यसि ॥

व्यासेनाप्युक्तम् । ज्ञानपालिपरिक्षिते ब्रह्मचर्यद्वयाम्भसि । ज्ञात्वातिविमले तीर्थे पापपङ्कापहारिणि ॥

ध्यानागतौ जीवकुण्डले दममाकृतदीपिते । असत्कर्मसमित्येपरमिहोत्रं कुरुतमम् ॥

कवाचपशुभिर्दुष्टैर्धर्मकामार्थनाशकैः । समसन्नहर्तैर्धर्मं विधेहि विहितं दुषैः ॥

प्राणिबाधस्तत्रो वर्ममीहते मूढमानसः । स बाधकति सुधादुष्टिं कृष्णाहिमुखकोटरात् ॥

1 ABORI, Vol. XXVI, p. 28 and Sarkar (op. cit.), p. 20.

2 Bhandarkar: *Early History of the Dekkan*, 3rd ed., p. 103.

3 Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, pp. 293, 312.

4 Bhandarkar (op. cit.), p. 197.

5 See the English trans. of *Naishadhacarita*, Introduction, p. III.

6 Rice: *Mysore and Coorg from the Inscriptions*, p. 210.

7 See P. K. Gode's papers in *Poona Orientalist*, Vol. II, pp. 166-180 and *Mimansa Prakash*, Vol. II, pp. 43-46.

8 See Book IV and Chapter XII of this book.

9 Cited in the *Mātharavṛtti*.



The views of Vyāsa are quoted also by Somadeva, and it is interesting to find Jaina writers drawing on Brahmanical sources to reinforce the doctrine of *ahimsā* (*Yasastilaka*, Book IV):

होमकामतपोआन्ध्रमहावर्षादयो गुणाः । पुंसि हिंसरते पार्थ चाण्डालसखसीसमाः ॥ इति...व्यासोक्तिः ।

यावन्ति पशुरोमाणि पशुनाम्नेषु भारत । तावद्दर्शयन्त्याणि पश्वन्ते पशुवाचकाः ॥ इति पौराणिकी मुक्तिः । Ibid.

Somadeva's views on the killing of animals in Vedic sacrifices are recorded in the aforesaid dialogue between Yaśodhara and his mother. Malliṣeṇa sums up by saying that just as a cruel man may try to obtain a kingdom by killing his own son, but cannot escape the ignominy and sin resulting therefrom, even if he attains his object, similarly, even though the gods may be gratified by the slaughter of animals sanctioned by the Veda, the sin caused by such killing can never be averted.<sup>1</sup>

The attacks on the authority of the Veda and its religion which we come across in *Yasastilaka* belong to a class of recriminatory literature directed against Vedic rites by Jaina writers since long before the tenth century. Although the Vedic religion had been obsolete for centuries, it was considered worth while to attack the Veda, since it was the bed-rock on which the superstructure of Brahmanism was claimed to have been built up beyond the ravages of time. Among the many stories invented for the purpose of discrediting the Vedic religion, there are at least three which deserve notice as illustrating the Jaina attitude and mentality in regard to the Brahmanical Scriptures. The earlier version of the story of Sagara, Sulasā, Nārada, Parvata and Vasu related in Jinasena I's *Harivamśapurāṇa* (cantos 17 and 23) and Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, Book VII, occurs in the comprehensive Jaina Prākṛit romance *Vasudevahindī*, Chap. V (circa sixth century A. D.). This story is interesting as recording the Jaina allegation that the Veda and its religion were the work of a demon named Kālāsura. The latter is also called Mahākāla, e. g. in *Vasudevahindī* wherein he is described as a most reprobate god, the minister of Yama.<sup>2</sup> Even a sober philosophical writer like Vidyānandi declares in his *Tattvārthaslokavārtika* 1. 20. 36 that the followers of Kaṇāda attribute the authorship of the Veda to Brahman, while the Jainas attribute it to Kālāsura. Similarly, in an outrageous story preserved in *Vasudevahindī* (Chap. III), Pippalāda, the reputed author of the Atharvaveda, is described as

1 'यथा किल कश्चिदपिश्चिद् पुरुषः पशुवाचयतया निजमङ्गलं व्यापाय राज्यमियं प्राप्नुमीहते न च तस्य सत्यासावपि पुत्र-  
चातपातककलङ्कपट्टः कश्चिदपयाति यत् न वेदविहितहिंसया देवतादिप्रीतिसिद्धानि हिंसासमुत्पन्नं दुष्कृतं न कष्टं पराहन्वते ।'

2 'अमस्तु लोगपालस्तु अमन्त्रो परमाहमिन्त्रो महाकालो नाम देवो जाओ ।'

being born of the illicit union of the nun Sulasā and the ascetic Jannavakka. He is deserted by his parents as soon as he is born, but grows up to be an eminent Vedic scholar. In the course of time he comes to know the circumstances of his birth, and invents the Atharvaveda and its black magic in order to take revenge upon his parents. He severs the tongue of his father with a knife, and after reminding him of the crime of desertion of his own child, hacks him to pieces and offers the limbs as oblations in the sacrificial fire. A similar treatment is meted out to his mother. This is the Jaina version of the origin of the magic rites of the Atharvaveda. Another interesting but far from disgusting story about Vedic rites occurs in the eleventh canto of Raviṣeṇa's *Padmacarita* (seventh century A. D.), which contains also a slightly different version of the Parvata story. The story in question describes the destruction of Marutta's sacrifice by Rāvaṇa, represented as a patron of Jainism in Raviṣeṇa's work, which contains a Jaina version of the story of the Rāmāyaṇa. The Jaina sage Nārada argues with the officiating priest about the authority of the Veda and the advisability of performing sacrifices, and tries to convince him of the sinful character of animal slaughter. Some of his sentiments are not unlike those expressed by Yaśodhara in *Yasastilaka*; the following two verses, the first from *Yasastilaka*, Book IV and the second from *Padmacarita* 247, may be compared:

दुष्कर्मोणितसंभूतमङ्गुलीनां निकेतनम् । मांसं वेत् प्रीणयेद्देवानेव व्याघ्राजुपाजहे ॥

दुष्कर्मोणितसंभूतमसेष्वङ्गुलिसंभवम् । दुर्गन्धदर्शनं मांसं मक्षयन्ति कथं सुराः ॥

The assembled Brāhmanas are enraged at the interference of Nārada, and attack him with kicks and blows. The news is brought to Rāvaṇa who hastens to the sacrificial site with his soldiers, and there follows a tumultuous scene in which the animals kept for the sacrifice are set free and sacrificial posts broken, and the Brāhmanas receive a good hammering. The description of the Brāhmanas as "huntsmen with the sacred thread round their necks" sums up the Jaina attitude towards the Vedic religion.

Considering the theological hatred of earlier times, it is not surprising to find Jaina writers inventing or giving currency to stories calculated to discredit the Vedic religion and culture. The Jainas had, however, no direct knowledge of Vedic literature, and their criticism of Vedic rites is often disfigured by gross exaggerations, misunderstanding and misstatements. A few examples may be given to show that even a deeply learned scholar like Somadeva is not wholly free from this charge.

In *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, Somadeva quotes a Vedic phrase *मनुष्यमात्मनेत*, and opines that the Veda sanctions the killing of a Brāhmaṇa in spite of the general injunction that a Brāhmaṇa should not be killed.<sup>1</sup> We are not here concerned with the question of whether traces of human sacrifice are found in the Vedic age, but the phrase cited by Somadeva belongs to the ritual of the Puruṣamedha which is wrongly supposed by him to be a human sacrifice. The Puruṣamedha was a symbolic rite, and the human victims, men as well as women, who were actually tied to the sacrificial posts, were set free, one and all, after the *paryagnikarāṇa* or carrying of a firebrand round the victims. These are enumerated in the *Vājasaneyisaṃhitā* XXX. 5-22 and the *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa* III. 4, while the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa* (XIII. 6. 2. 12, 13) says: ".....Now, the victims had the fire carried round them, but they were not yet slaughtered. Then a voice said to him, 'Puruṣa, do not consummate (these human victims): if thou wert to consummate them, man (puruṣa) would eat man! Accordingly, as soon as fire had been carried round them, he set them free, and offered oblations to the same divinities.....'" The *Kātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra* XXI. 1. 12 clearly says that the Brāhmaṇas and the other victims are released, just as the Kapiñjala birds and the other wild animals are set free in the Aśvamedha after the *paryagnikarāṇa* (XX. 6. 9). It is true that there are two Śrauta Sūtras, *Vaitāna* (XXXVII. 10 ff.) and *Śāṅkhāyana* (XVI. 10 ff.), which set forth a form of Puruṣamedha in which a man is to be sacrificed, but these Sūtras lack Brāhmaṇa authority for what they prescribe; and as Eggeling points out, the Puruṣamedha described therein "is nothing more than what Śāṅkhāyana appears to claim for it, viz. an adaptation, and that a comparatively modern adaptation, of the existing Aśvamedha ritual." Further, "the very fact that, in both Sūtra works, this sacrifice is represented as being undertaken, not for the great object of winning immortal life, but for the healing of the Sacrificer's bodily infirmities, might seem sufficient to stamp the ceremony as one partaking more of the nature of the superstitious rites of the Atharvan priests than of that of the great sacrifices of the traditional Śrauta ritual."<sup>2</sup> According to Keith, the ritual prescribed in the versions of Śāṅkhāyana and the *Vaitāna* "is a mere priestly invention to fill up the apparent gap in the sacrificial system which provided no place for man."<sup>3</sup> Hillebrandt gives too much importance to the version of Śāṅkhāyana and remarks that the

1 See Chap. XII.

2 Eggeling's *Translation*, Part V, p. 410.

3 Eggeling: *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa, Trans.*, Part V, Introduction, p. xlii.

4 *Taittirīya Saṃhitā, Trans.*, Introduction, p. cxxviii.

*Puruṣamedha* is a relic of a barbaric age,<sup>1</sup> but the statement is vague, and there are no reliable data which might enable us to determine the limits of this 'barbaric age'. The evidence of the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa*, a far more ancient text, is of greater value than that of the two *Sūtra* texts, and the fact remains that as early as the age of the *Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa* no human victims were sacrificed in the *Puruṣamedha*. More generally speaking, the legend of *Śunaḥśepa* "is enough to show that human sacrifice was for the *Brāhmaṇa* period a horror beyond words".<sup>2</sup> It is also noteworthy that the *Puruṣamedha* is not mentioned at all in the *Samhitās* of the Black Yajurveda: the *Taittirīya*, the *Maitrāyaṇi* and the *Kāphaka* nor in the comprehensive *Baudhāyana Śrauta Sūtra*.<sup>3</sup>

Another misleading statement made by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV, concerns the *Gosava* sacrifice. He opines that this rite was devised to sanction incest with one's mother and sister.<sup>4</sup> The *Gosava* was an *ekāha* or one-day sacrifice and usually performed by a man of position of the *Vaiśya* caste, who might be honoured by the king and the people. The man who performed the *Gosava* was thereafter called *Sthapati*, an honorific term. According to some, this rite was exclusively meant for the *Vaiśya* caste, and one of its important features was that fresh milk was poured over the Sacrificer while seated on the bare ground to the south of the *Āhavaniya* fire. This is roughly the account of the *Gosava* given in the *Kātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra* XXII. 11. 6-11. The prescribed sacrificial fee of a myriad oxen shows that the rite was performed by a wealthy man, and according to the *Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra* XVI. 15. 1 it should be undertaken by one who desires cattle. The *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa* II. 7. 6 and *Tāṇḍya Brāhmaṇa* XIX. 13. 1 connect the *Gosava* with *Svārājya* or supremacy as the promised goal, and in any case the rite was meant for a leading man of the community as marking the culminating point in his social rank and position. As pointed out by Hillebrandt,<sup>5</sup> there were certain special sacrifices for particular classes of men, e. g. the *Rājasūya* for the *Kṣatriyas*, the *Bṛhaspatisava* for the *Brāhmaṇas* and the *Sūta*-, *Sthapati*-, *Grāmaṇi*-, and *Go-sava* for the other orders of society. Now, the *Gosava* had a particular connection with the bovine species. The *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa* (op. cit.) observes that the ox is *Supremacy*, and the Sacrificer acts like an ox.<sup>6</sup> *Sāyaṇa*'s interpretation

1 *Ritual-Litteratur*, p. 153.

2 Keith: *Taittirīya Samhitā* (op. cit.), p. cxi.

3 *Ibid.*, p. cxxviii.

4 'तदाह—गोसवे ब्राह्मणो गोसवेनेह संवत्सरान्वे मातरमप्यभिष्वजीति उपेहि मातरमुपेहि स्वसारमिति' ? Books IV and VII, and section 30.

5 *Ritual-Litteratur*, p. 143.

6 'स्वाराज्यं गोदेव गौरिव भवति । य एतेन भवते ।'

"Just as an ox roams freely in the woods, so does the Sacrificer in the Brahmaloka" does not appear to be accurate in view of the detailed explanation of the rite given in the *Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa* II. 113.<sup>1</sup> The latter text describes the *vrata* of the Gosava and it consists in imitating the ways of an ox. The Sacrificer is to lie with his mother, his sister, and a woman of his own *gotra*, drink water and eat grass with face downwards, and ease himself wherever he feels the necessity.<sup>2</sup> It is said that Janaka of Videha wanted to perform the Gosava, but when he was told about the procedure, he declared that he was willing to pay the prescribed sacrificial fee, but not to undertake the *vrata*, and did not after all venture to set about the rite. Puṇyakeśa, the king of the Śibis, once undertook the Gosava. He felt like easing himself in the royal assembly, and while uncovering himself for the purpose then and there, exclaimed that the rite was suitable only for old men, and only an old man should undertake it, for 'all this' is permissible to the old. The *Brāhmaṇa* therefore concludes that the Gosava was a *sthavirayajña*, and should be undertaken only at an advanced age.<sup>3</sup> It was thus an apparently innocent sacrifice primarily designed for old people, free from the repulsive significance attributed to it by Jaina writers. It may be noted that the *vrata* described in the *Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa* is omitted in most of the texts dealing with the Gosava, e. g., in the *S'rauta Sūtras* of Kātyāyana (op. cit.), Śāṅkhāyana 14. 15, Baudhāyana 18. 7 and Āśvalāyana 9. 8, and the *Tāṇḍya Brāhmaṇa* 19. 13; while the *Taittiriya Brāhmaṇa* (op. cit.) seems to make only a passing reference to it: *gauriva bhavati*. Caland shows that there is good reason to believe that the *Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa* is older than the *Tāṇḍya* or *Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa*, and he thinks that the latter text omitted certain details, e. g. the of *vrata* the Gosava, perhaps because it found them too 'barbaric'.<sup>4</sup> It is quite probable that the childish procedure of behaving like an ox became soon obsolete, and was excluded from the customary ritual of the Gosava.

Somadeva is not the only Jaina author to make misleading statements regarding Vedic sacrifices. Raviṣeṇa asserts in *Padmacarita* 11. 85 that intercourse with forbidden women is required in the Gosava sacrifice. Devasena who wrote *Darsanasāra* in 933 A. D.<sup>5</sup> says in his Prakrit *Bhāvasaṃgraha* (verses 52-3) that the cow is declared to be

1 *Das Jaiminiya Brāhmaṇa in Auswahl*, p. 157.

2 'उप मातरमिवाहुप स्वसारमुप सगोत्रास्'

3 'तेन हेतुनोत्तरवयस्ये यजेत !'

4 *Pañcaviṃśa-Brāhmaṇa*. Trans. Caland, Introduction, p. xxi.

5 See Introduction to नववक्त्रसंग्रहः (Māṇikacandra Jaina Granthamālā), p. 12.

a goddess (by the Brāhmaṇas) and all the gods are believed to reside in her body; yet they kill her in the Gosava sacrifice and eat the flesh; do they not kill those gods by killing the cow?' The Jainas had a tendency to believe that all sacrifices whose names began with the name of a living creature involved its slaughter in the accompanying ritual.

Another example of erroneous statements made by Jaina writers about Vedic rites is found in Raviṣeṇa's *Padmaśarita* 11. 87-89:

आहुतुश्चगिमादाव पृष्ठे कूर्मस्य तर्पयेत् । हविष्मजुष्मकास्वाव स्वाहेत्युक्त्वा प्रवसतः ॥

यदा न प्राप्नुवाद् कूर्मं तदा शुद्धद्विजम्भनः । कुरुतेः विप्रकामस्य विकृतवस्य शुचौ जले ॥

आस्यदग्नेऽवतीर्णस्य मरुके कूर्मसंनिधौ । प्रज्वाल्य स्वकनं दीप्तमाहुतिं निक्षिपेद् द्विजः ॥

These verses containing details, corresponding more or less to particulars found in Vedic texts, might very well deceive an unwary reader not familiar with the Vedic sacrificial system. Among the terms used *juhvaka* is a misreading for *jumbaka*, and *viklava* for *viklidha*. Raviṣeṇa means to say that oblations are offered in the fire on the back of a tortoise, but if one is not available, the offerings are made in a fire kindled on the head of a Brāhmaṇa with certain characteristics, immersed in the water up to the mouth. This is an atrocious misrepresentation of a Vedic rite which took place on the third day of the *Āśvamedha* towards the end of the sacrifice at the end of the purificatory bath (*avabhṛtha*). What really happened was that an oblation of clarified butter was made on the head of a man of hideous appearance, standing in the water, with the *mantra* 'To Jumbaka hail!' The *mantra* occurs in the *Vājasaneyi-saṁhitā* 25. 9, Jumbaka being a name of Varuṇa as explained, for instance, in the *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa* III. 9. 15. Among the epithets applied to the man the most frequent are *piṅgala* 'tawny-eyed', *khalati* 'bald-headed', *viklidha*, and *sukla* 'white' or rather 'pale'. As regards *viklidha*, it is variously explained as *dantura* 'with protruding teeth' by Karka on the *Kātyāyana Śrauta Sūtra* XX. 8. 16, Mahīdhara on the *Vājasaneyi-saṁhitā* 25. 9, and Harisvāmin on the *Satapatha Brāhmaṇa* XIII. 3. 6. 5; as *svedanastilasarīra* and *viklinnadeha* 'perspiring' 'clammy' by Sāyaṇa on the *Taittirīya Brāhmaṇa* (op. cit.); and as 'leprous' by Varadattasūta Ānartīya in his commentary on the *Śāṅkhāyana Śrauta Sūtra* 16. 18. The latter text as well as the *Baudhāyana Śrauta Sūtra* 15. 37 uses some other epithets to make the man still more repulsive, and Śāṅkhāyana

1 सुहृदी कोयस्तस्मै नमस्कृत्य एत देवि नमस्कृता । सम्ये देवा अने इमिदं शिवसंति शिवमेव ॥ पुनरपि गोसवज्जणे मंसं  
नमस्कृतिं सा वि मारिषां । तस्मैव वदेण पुनं न मारिषा होति ते देवा ॥

adds that he should be led to a river and immersed therein, and when the waters flow into his mouth the Adhvaryu priest should make an oblation of horse's blood on the man's head with the *mantra* 'bhrūṇahatyāyai svāhā'. After the oblation the man is brought out of the water (*niḥsedhanti* explained in the commentary as *nirgamayanti*), and possibly driven away as a scapegoat. Just as there are no traces of remnants of human sacrifice in this rite, as Weber thought, similarly it did not involve any inhuman practice like lighting a fire on a man's head, as alleged by Raviṣeṇa.

It is hardly necessary to cite other examples of Jaina misstatements regarding Vedic rites. Raviṣeṇa tells us also that in a sacrifice called *Mātrmedha* one's mother was killed, while in the *Pitrmedha* one's father suffered the same fate (11. 86). Jinasena I states that kings were sacrificed by hundreds and thousands in the *Rājasūya*, which, according to him, was devised by the wicked god *Mahākāla*, an enemy of kings. This amazing statement occurs in his *Harivaṃśapurāṇa* written in 783 A. D.<sup>1</sup> Hemacandra mentions a *Gomedha* and a *Naramedha* along with the *Aśvamedha* in a sweeping condemnation of Vedic sacrifices in a verse of his commentary on his *Yogasāstra* 4. 102.<sup>2</sup> In another amusing verse in the same work (2. 38) he declares that the poor *Cārvāka* is rather preferable to *Jaimini*, because the former openly professes atheism, while the latter is a monster disguised as an ascetic citing Vedic texts.<sup>3</sup>

It is evident that much of the information of Jaina writers in regard to Vedic rites was based on hearsay, and the only thing they definitely knew about them was that they involved the sacrifice of living beings, men as well as animals. Their statements are no doubt *mala fide*, misleading and erroneous, but similar inaccuracies are found also in the *Mātharavṛtti* on the *Sāṃkhyakārikā*.<sup>4</sup> It may be noted in this connection that the following sacrificial verse is quoted, perhaps inaccurately, in both the *Mātharavṛtti* and Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* VII. 30:

षट्सप्तानि नियुज्यन्ते पशूना मध्यमेऽहनि । अथमेवैव वचनादूनाणि पशुमिहिति ॥

1 सुयन्ते यत्र राजानः शतशोऽपि सहस्रशः । राजसूयकृत्येन दक्षितो राजवैरिणा ॥ 23. 142.

2 गोमेधनरमेधाश्वमेधरकारिणाम् । यादिकानां कुतो धर्मः प्रणिवातविधायिनाम् ॥

3 वरं वराकक्षावाको योऽसौ प्रकटनास्तिकः । वेदोक्तिपसच्छब्दचञ्चलं रक्षो न जैमिनिः ॥

4 The *Mātharavṛtti* misunderstands the significance of the *Puruṣamedha* and the *Gosava*. It says पशुवधोऽधिष्ठोमे यानुषवधः गोसवव्यवस्था सौत्रामण्यां सुरापानं.....कल्पसूत्रेऽन्यदपि अकृत्यं भूरिकर्तव्यतयोपदिश्यते 'ब्रह्मणे ब्राह्मणमालभेत क्षत्राय राजन्यं मरुद्भ्यो वैश्यं तस्करं नारकाय बोरहणम्' इत्यादि भवणात् ।



The verse occurs in a different form in the commentaries of Uvaṭa and Mahidhara on the *Vājasaneyisaṃhitā* 24. 40 :

यदसत्तानि विपुलान्ये वसूनां भवन्तेऽहनि । अकमेवस वसुस नवनिजाधिकानि च ॥

Among other sacrificial citations, all of which are anonymous, we have already reproduced the dubious statement on the Gosava sacrifice quoted in *Yasastilaka*, Books IV and VII. 30. The dictum सौत्रामणौ न एवैवधौ ह्युरा विवति न तेन ह्युरा पीता भवति quoted in the same context cannot be genuine, because although the reference to wine is correct, the name of the rite (*sautrāmaṇi*) is incorrectly spelt. The word is, in fact, consistently misspelt by Somadeva who writes *sautrāmaṇi* for *sautrāmaṇi*.<sup>1</sup> The following sacrificial verse is cited in VII. 30:

गोसवे सुरभिं हव्याद्वाजसुवे तु मृशुजम् । अजनेवे हयं हव्याद् घोष्ठरीके च इम्विनम् ॥

The verse is clearly spurious, and might even be an invention, as it contains the absurd statement that the king is sacrificed at the Rājasūya. The only reference to human sacrifice in the ritual of the Rājasūya is in the legend of Śunaḥśepa, which is recited by the Hotṛ priest after the anointing of the king, but the story in question is nothing less than a condemnation of the offering of a human victim. Hillebrandt's view that the recitation of the legend is a reminiscence of a possible early connection of the Rājasūya with human sacrifice is clearly far-fetched, and has been rejected by Keith.<sup>2</sup>

The following citation bearing on the Puruṣamedha in *Yasastilaka* VII. 30 is an example of haphazard quotation or misquotation from sacrificial texts. It reads as follows in Somadeva's work:

ब्रह्मणे ब्राह्मणमालमेत इन्द्राय क्षत्रियं मरुद्भ्यो वैश्यं तमसे शूद्रमुत्तमसे तत्करम् आत्मने ह्रीं कामाय पुंश्चलमतिकुहाय मागधं गीताय सुतमादित्याय क्षिप्रं गर्भिणीम् ।

The passage in question forms part of a longer one found with variations in the *Vājasaneyisaṃhitā* XXX. 5ff., the *Taittiriya Brāhmaṇa* III. 4, and the *Satapatha Brāhmaṇa* XIII. 6. 2. The ancient text, e. g. that of the *Taittiriya Brāhmaṇa*, reads as follows:

ब्रह्मणे ब्राह्मणमालमेत । क्षत्राय राजन्यम् । मरुद्भ्यो वैश्यम् । तपसे शूद्रम् । तमसे तत्करम् । नारकाय वीरहणम् । पाप्मने ह्रीं । आकवायायोगम् । कामाय पुंश्चलम् । अतिकुहाय मागधम् । गीताय सूतम् । नृताय चैल्वम् ।

The principles underlying Vedic injunctions are criticized by Somadeva in the aforesaid controversial dialogue in *Yasastilaka*, Book

1 e. g. निखिलमखिशियामणौ सौत्रामणौ in VII. 23.

2 Hillebrandt: *Ritual-literatur*, p. 145, and Keith: *Rigveda Brāhmaṇas*, p. 62.

IV.<sup>1</sup> Similar objections to the authority of the Veda as a whole are recorded in various Jaina works, e. g. Akalaṅka's *Nyāyaviniścaya* (chap. 8); Anantavīrya's commentary on the *Parikṣāmukha Sūtra* (chap. 8) etc. Akalaṅka attacks the *apauruṣeya* theory of the origin of the Veda, and says that if the Veda revealed its own truth, it would be unnecessary to study texts like the *Āyurveda*, which are an integral part of the Veda. Further, if the Veda was eternal, the generations of students who have been studying and explaining it would be like an endless succession of blind men following one another; and if the Veda had really no author, its statements would be like the utterances and customs of barbarians which could not be attributed to any competent authority.<sup>2</sup> Anantavīrya goes further and opines that the Veda cannot be regarded as an authoritative source of knowledge, whether it is supposed to be *apauruṣeya* or *pauruṣeya*. In the former case, supposing there exists an endless sequence of Vedic interpretation current from times without a beginning, this interpretation is bound to go astray in the course of time owing to defects of memory, ineptitude of expression, and dishonest motives, thus destroying the authoritative character of the Veda. Even at the present time those who profess astrology, for instance, are seen to make misleading statements: there are some who know the hidden truth but explain it otherwise for some evil purpose; there are some who know the subject but misinterpret it for lack of the faculty of expression; while there are others who make incorrect statements, having missed a vital link in the sequence of facts. The same is the case with the Veda; hence the divergence of opinions regarding *bhāvanā*, *vidhi*, *niyoga* etc., and disagreement among Manu, Yājñavalkya and others in laying down Smṛti rules in harmony with the true import of the Vedas. Thus the Veda would fail to conform to the truth even if it were based on a tradition without any beginning. The *apauruṣeya* theory therefore does not help to establish the Veda as a reliable and infallible guide, nor is the *pauruṣeya* theory more helpful. There are indeed good reasons for supposing the Veda to be the composition of a certain individual or individuals, e. g. the mention of the names of the sages, *gotras* and *schools*, subject to birth and decay, the arrangement of the sentences according to a hard and fast rule, and the dictum

1 See Chap. XII.

2 वेदसाधोऽप्येव सततत्वं विवृण्वतः । आनुवेदादि यच्च यस्तत्र निर्वचः ॥ साक्षात्तं तथैव साद सामग्रीयुगदोक्तः ।  
अविरोधेऽपि नित्यं अवेदपरम्परा । तदर्थेदं शिनोऽभावात्तेऽन्वयव्यवहारवत् । अनादिसम्प्रदायश्चेदाहुर्वेदादिरात्मनः ॥  
*Nyāyaviniścaya*, verses 416-418.

that 'The Veda is the work of a certain person like the Sūtras of Mann' etc. The fact of the Veda having an author does not, however, give it an authoritative character. Anantavīrya declares: "We do not deny authority to the Veda on the ground that it has no author. The Veda lacks authority because it can never be free from defects owing to its expounders having no knowledge of supersensuous things".<sup>1</sup> The Jainas thus close the door, to their own satisfaction, upon all claims that may be put forward in behalf of the Veda being an authoritative source of human knowledge.

It is extremely doubtful if Jaina attacks on the Veda and the Vedic religion made any impression upon Brahmanical circles if they were at all acquainted with them. The regeneration of the Vedic sacrificial system was out of the question, but renewed and vigorous attempts continued to be made to establish the authority of the Veda on a firmer and sounder basis. The first great effort towards this end in medieval times was made by Kumārila (seventh century A. D.) and the school of Mīmāṃsā founded by him and thereafter by the distinguished writers of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika school who flourished in the ninth and tenth centuries. It was the leaders of the latter school that exercised paramount influence in the intellectual sphere in Somadeva's age. The Naiyāyikas rejected the Mīmāṃsā view that the Veda was eternal, and not composed by any individual, and sought to replace the *apauruṣeya* theory by a more plausible doctrine. Jayanta says in his *Nyāyamañjarī* that the Mīmāṃsakas are incapable of devising an adequate method for maintaining the authority of the Veda: words aided by convention can only have the power to signify; the determination of the shades of meaning must inevitably depend upon the judgment of some one; hence words can have any authoritative character only when they are uttered by a trustworthy person and not otherwise.<sup>2</sup> The Naiyāyikas thus usher in the *pauruṣeya* theory and glorify the Veda as the handiwork of God Himself. Jayanta, for instance, says that He who created the universe composed also the Vedas containing His teachings; and the people believe in the Vedas because they believe in Him, the Trustworthy Guide and the Supreme Lord without a beginning: no wise

1 'नास्त्वभिर्विकुर्यात् वेदस्य प्राजाप्यात्मनः समुद्भाष्यते किन्तु तदव्याख्यातृणां अतीन्द्रियाभेददर्शनादियुगाभावे ततो दोषाणामनबोधितत्वाद् न प्रामाण्यमिदं इति ।'

2 'न च मीमांसकाः सम्यग् वेदप्राजाप्यरक्षणकृतां सखिगणलोकपितुं कुशलाः' etc. *Nyāyamañjarī*, Book I.

man would have thus believed in the Vedas, had they been without an author (as the Mīmāṃsakas hold).<sup>1</sup>

While emphasizing the fact the Veda is composed by God and accepted by the vast majority of the people, the leaders of the Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika school adopt a rather contemptuous attitude towards the Scriptures of the minorities like the Buddhists and Jinas. Vācaspati in *Nyāya-vārtika-tātparyā-ṭīkā* 2. 1. 68 contrasts the Vedas with the Buddhist and Jaina Scriptures composed by mere mortals who are neither Creators nor Omniscient Beings.<sup>2</sup> Śrīdhara says in *Nyāyakandali* (p. 217) that the Veda is known to be the work of a Superior Being (*puruṣa-viśeṣa*), because its message is unquestioningly accepted by all who belong to the *varṇāśrama* order of society. If it were the work of an ordinary person, like the Scriptures composed by Buddha and others, not all discerning persons would unquestioningly act upon its teachings. That with regard to which there is a universal consensus of opinion (on the subject of its reliability) is bound to be an authoritative source of knowledge, like direct perception and similar means of cognition.<sup>3</sup> Thus while the Vedic sacrificial religion was fast becoming a relic of the past, the authority of the Veda was constantly reaffirmed by Mīmāṃsakas, Smārtas, and Nyāya-Vaiśeṣikas alike. It is noteworthy that even Śaṅkara in his *Bhāṣya* on the *Vedānta Sūtras* 3. 1. 25 supports in principle the slaughter of animals in Vedic sacrifices, and proclaims the purity of all rites prescribed by the Veda. The voice of Jaina criticism was not likely to be heard in an age characterized by a large-scale revival of Brahmanical thought, say, from about the seventh to the end of the tenth century.

1 कर्ता य एव जगतामखिलात्मवृत्तिकर्मप्रपञ्चपरिपाकविविधतायः । विशालना तदुपदेशपराः प्रणीतास्तेनैव वेदरचना इति युक्तमेतत् ॥ आहं तमेव भगवन्तमनादिमीशमाश्रित विश्वसिति वेदवचःसु लोकः । तेषामकर्तृकतया न हि कश्चिदेवं विस्मयमेति मतिमानिति वर्णितं प्राक् ॥ Ibid., Book IV.

2 'न चैते शौक्योदनिप्रभृतयः तनुमुवनादीनां कर्तारो येन सर्वज्ञा इति निश्चीयेरन् ।' See also Chap. IX.

3 'पुरुषविशेषप्रणीतः सर्ववैर्ण्यामितिः अविगानेन तदर्थपरिग्रहात् यत्किञ्चनपुरुषप्रणीतत्वे तु वेदस्य दुःखादिवान्यवत् न सर्वेषां परीक्षकाणामविगानेन तदर्थानुष्ठानं स्यात्'.....यच्च सर्वेषां संवादनिवमः तत् प्रमाणमेव यथा प्रत्यक्षादिकम् । प्रमाणं वेदः सर्वेषामविसंवादिज्ञानहेतुत्वात् प्रत्यक्षवत् ।'

## CHAPTER XV

### NON-JAINA CULTS, CUSTOMS AND BELIEFS

Among the non-Jaina cults mentioned in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka* the most prominent is, of course, that of Caṇḍamārī, which forms the starting point of the story. As we have already seen, human sacrifice was an essential feature of the worship of that goddess, and a detailed, though to some extent fantastic, description of her appallingly gruesome shrine occurs in Book I. Caṇḍamārī is only another form of Caṇḍikā, whose cult is much earlier than the tenth century, as is evident from the descriptions of the goddess and her blood-stained temple in works like Bāṇa's *Kādambarī* and Haribhadra's *Samardīccakāhā*, Book VI. In the latter work the deity is called also Kātyāyanī and Kādambarī. Subandhu in his *Vāsavadattā* likewise refers to the shrine of Kātyāyanī alias Caṇḍā while describing the city of Kusumapura or Pāṭaliputra.<sup>1</sup> In Bhavabhūti's *Mālatīmādhava*, Act V, the goddess appears as Karālā or Cāmuṇḍā to whom a human victim is about to be offered by a Kāpālīka. In Vākpati's *Gauḍavaḥo* she appears as Vindhyavāsini, to whom a lengthy hymn is addressed by Yaśovarman (vv. 285-338), the goddess being called also Caṇḍī, Sabarī and Nārāyaṇī. The hymn in question refers among other things to the human victim and the custom of selling human flesh, as in our work.<sup>2</sup> The self-torture described by Somadeva as being practised by certain fanatics in the temple of Caṇḍamārī<sup>3</sup> is mentioned in another context in Bāṇa's *Harṣacarita* (Book V), which refers, for instance, to the burning of Guggulu resin on the head while supplicating the Mahākāla Śiva, and the offering of flesh cut out of one's own body as an oblation in the fire.<sup>4</sup> The offering of slices of one's own flesh to Cāmuṇḍā is mentioned in Uddyotana's *Kuvalāyamālā* composed in the eighth century.<sup>5</sup> The Chinese traveller Yuan Chwang, in the first half of the seventh century, describes a temple, at Prayāga (Allahabad), where certain devotees committed suicide in the hope of gaining 'the paradise of the gods.'<sup>6</sup>

1 'बन्धु.....भगवती कालावती चण्डामिषाना स्वयं निवसति'

2 'निससिञ्जन्तमहापद्मदंशन'.....(v. 319); 'सृष्टिं वीरविक्रयविक्रममिह जामिणीमसाणेसु' (v. 327). The comm. remarks देवीस्मरणे वीरा सिद्धये महामांसविक्रयं कुर्वन्तीति कौलगमादिषु प्रसिद्धम्. See Chap. XIII for further details.

3 See Chap. II.

4 'अन्वयं शिरोविधृतविलीयमानगुग्गुलुविकलनवसेवकानुनीयमानमहाकालम्, अपरत्र निशितशक्नोनिष्कृष्टाल्ममांसहोमप्रस-  
काप्तवगेम्'

5 'किंवा चामुण्डायाः पुरस्तीक्ष्णद्वारिकाविदारितोरयुगलसमुच्छलकोदितपङ्क्तिभूतलं मांसखण्डैर्बलिं ददामि' Ratnaprabhā's *Sanskrit version*.

6 Watters: *On Yuan Chwang*, Vol. I, p. 362. A similar practice has been traced on the island of Māndhatā in the Narmadā, in the Nimar District of Central Provinces. Here, until recent times, devotees were in the habit of dashing themselves over

The cult of the Devī, who is known under different names, Candikā, Kātyāyanī, Bhavānī, Durgā etc., seems to have been widely prevalent from about the seventh century onwards. The cult, as ordinarily practised, represents what is known as Sakti worship, and must be distinguished from the abnormal ritual mentioned by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*. There are, for instance, two rock-cut temples dedicated to Durgā at Māmallapuram, now the village of Mahābalipuram, known also as the Seven Pagodas, on the sea-coast, about forty miles south of Madras. The excavations at this place date from the second quarter of the seventh century A. D.<sup>1</sup> The temples are locally known, the one as Kotikal Maṇḍapa, and the other as Draupadī's Ratha.<sup>2</sup> The former is a primitive-looking shrine consisting of a hall, about 22 feet long and eight feet wide. The latter is a beautifully carved little shrine with a domical roof, and contains a bas-relief figure of Durgā. In front of the temple is a huge rock-cut figure of Durgā's vehicle, the lion. There are, besides, various sculptural representations of the goddess on some of the other temples and rocks at Māmallapuram. A number of crudely fashioned figures of the goddess and her lion are also carved on some of the isolated rocks near the Shore Temple facing the sea. In the so-called Draupadī's Ratha the bas-relief figure of Durgā is four-armed and portrayed standing on a lotus pedestal with two worshippers kneeling at her feet. These features are also seen in the bas-relief representation of the goddess in one of the large panels on the walls of the temple known as the Varāhamāṇḍapa. Other panels, which represent the goddess with eight arms, and trampling on the head of a buffalo, occur on the facade of the Trimūrti Temple and in the

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the Birkhala cliffs, at the eastern end of the island, on to the rocks by the river brink, where the terrible god Kāla Bhairava resided. The last such offering to Kāla Bhairava was witnessed in 1824. It is significant that the shrine of Candamārī is called Mahābhairava in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*. It is said that about the time when a Chauhan Rajput named Bhārat Singh took Māndhātā from Nathu Bhil in 1165 A. D., a priest named Daryāo Nāth used to worship Omkāra Śiva on the island. There is a legend that Daryāo Nāth by his austerities shut up Kālī Devī, the consort of Kāla Bhairava, who fed on human flesh, in a cave, for the protection of the pilgrims. The mouth of this cave is still shown. It was also arranged that Kāla Bhairava should in future receive human sacrifices at regular intervals. The disciples of Daryāo Nāth still enjoy lands on account of the worship of Omkāra Śiva. *Imperial Gazetteer of India*, Vol. IX, p. 293 ff. It is difficult to separate fact from fiction in these traditions; but an abnormal variety of Tantric cult seems to have grown up, evidently at a later time, on the island of Māndhātā, and no doubt represented a debased type of Śaivism or Tantricism resembling the *Vāmamārga* described in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*.

1 See Appendix III.

2 See Longhurst: *Pallava Architecture*, Part II.

interior of the Varaha Temple. The story of Durgā slaying the Buffalo Demon was popular not only in India but in Java; and a remarkable bas-relief showing the fight of the goddess with the demon, regarded as one of the finest specimens of Indian art, is found in the so-called Mahiṣāsūramardāpa. The eight-armed goddess, astride on her lion, is represented as shooting arrows at the demon whose colossal figure is seen slightly receding before her, with one of his followers slain and another apparently wounded.<sup>1</sup> It is also noteworthy that, in the bas-reliefs in the Draupadī's Ratha and the Varāhamardāpa, one of the worshippers is shown as cutting off the tresses of his hair with a sword as a votive offering to the goddess. Such practices are, of course, far different from the various forms of self-torture practised in connection with the cult of Candamārī, or Candikā, as described by Somadeva and others. The practices described by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* evidently belong to an abnormal variety of the cult, which appealed to the fanaticism of a limited class of worshippers. But the cult of the Devī, in the ordinary sense of the term, had a much wider appeal; and old temples dedicated to the Goddess are found in various parts of India.<sup>2</sup> The cult was, as stated below, popular

- 1 The scene is represented on a much smaller scale in a beautiful panel discovered near the Śiva temple at Bhumara of the early Gupta period (see Appendix III). The goddess is four-armed with a sword in one hand and a trident in another. She stands with her left foot on the head of the buffalo and grasps his tail with one of her hands. See plate xiv (b) in R. D. Banerji's monograph on the temple.
- 2 Some of the old temples dedicated to Devī may here be mentioned, many of which have been rebuilt in later times. The temple of Ambā Bhavānī on the summit of the hills of Arasur at the south-western extremity of the Aravalli range is an important centre of pilgrimage, and lays claim to a remote antiquity. The ancient town of Darbhavati or Dabhoi, about twenty miles to the south-east of the city of Baroda, contains a temple dedicated to Bhadrā Kālīkā Mātā (Bhadrakālī). It is situated to the right of the famous Hira Gate at Dabhoi on the east side of the old fort, and stands on the site of an older shrine in honour of the same goddess. It was probably built by Viśhaldev Vaghela about 1255 A. D. 'Its dimensions are small, but the whole outer face has been so broken by mouldings, and ornamented by sculptures, large and small, as to render it typical of the rich thirteenth century style in Gujarat.' The temple is, in fact, one of the most important architectural monuments of the pre-Muslim period in Gujarat. Another Devī temple known as Kālīkā Mātā or Kālīkā Bhavānī stands on the lofty summit of the hill of Pavagadh situated about twenty-five miles north-east of Baroda. The goddess has been worshipped on the rocky peak for many centuries as the guardian deity of the hill. 'The shrine, which is visible from a distance of many miles in the plains below, is no doubt very ancient, being mentioned as a place of pilgrimage under the rulers of Anhilvād Patan.' But the present building is probably of a much later date. Commissariat: *History of Gujarat*, Vol. I, pp. lxi, lxxvii, 191. An ancient temple of Devī or Candikā, venerated by Rājputs throughout Malwa and Mewar, exists at the small village of Antri in the Garoth District of Indore State. The present temple is, however, a modern structure built with the materials collected from the ruins of an older shrine.



at royal courts, as it was believed to promote success in warfare. The temples and sculptures at Māmallapuram, which was essentially a royal foundation, prove the popularity of the cult of Durgā, probably for similar reasons, during the rule of the Pallavas in the south from the seventh century onwards. The Pallavas were supplanted by the Colas, and it is noteworthy that Vijayālaya, the founder of the line of the imperial Colas, built a Durgā temple at Tanjore<sup>1</sup> after his conquest of the city about the middle of the ninth century A. D.<sup>2</sup> It may be noted that about this time, in Northern

A small temple dedicated to the god Sambā (Śambhu) and Devī stands outside the village of Dighi, six miles due east of Kajgaon Station in the East Khandesh District, a couple of miles from the frontier of Hyderabad (Deccan). 'The temple consists of a porch in front, a *mandapa* on pillars with a high dome, an *antarāla* or passage leading to the sanctum or *garbhagṛha* and the sanctum or shrine itself.' The sanctum contains a small *linga* and a large standing image of Devī. A niche on the north wall of the *mandapa* contains a dancing figure of Cāmundā. She has four hands and an emaciated body, but the scorpion usually to be found in her stomach is absent. She holds a trident, a skull-mace (*khaṭvāṅga*) and a skull-cup (*nara-kapāla*). *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, 1920*, pp. 75, 90. Close to the island of māndhātā in the Narmadā, a small ravine on the north bank of the river, popularly known as the *Rāwana nālā*, contains 'a prostrate figure 18½ feet in length, rudely carved in bold relief on four basalt slabs laid end to end. It has ten arms, all holding clubs and pendent skulls, but only one head. On its chest is a scorpion, and at its right side a rat, while one foot rests on a smaller prostrate human figure.' The huge image no doubt represents Cāmundā or Mahākālī, and was evidently intended to be placed in a colossal temple which was never completed. The bed of the ravine is covered with huge basalt rocks, slightly carved in some places, which doubtless had the same destination.' *Imperial Gazetteer of India, Vol. IX*, p. 296.

<sup>1</sup> Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, p. 140.

Temples of Durgā appear to have been built in different parts of medieval India. An inscription discovered in the village of Dirghāsī, four miles to the north of Kalingapatam in the Ganjam District, records the erection of a *mandapa* in front of a temple of Durgā at Dirgharāsī or Dirghāsī in the Śaka year 997 (1075 A. D.), by a Brāhmaṇa chieftain named Gaṇapati in the service of the Eastern Ganga king Rājārāja I of Orissa (1068-1078 A. D.). R. D. Banerji: *History of Orissa*, Vol. I, p. 246. There is a ruined temple of Durgā of about the twelfth century, near the village of Balsana in the West Khandesh District of Bombay Presidency. Inside the shrine stands the mutilated image of the goddess. The temples at Balsana suffered badly at the hands of the Muslim invaders. An inscription on the stone lintel of a ruined temple bears a date corresponding to 1148 A. D. See *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, 1912*, pp. 46, 56. There is an old temple called the temple of Devī Hinglāj in the village of Baridelohi near Mehidpur Town in Indore State. The edifice has been partially rebuilt, as the *śikhara* and the *garbhagṛha* are modern, but the porch in front has four well-carved medieval pillars. Inside the shrine is an old image which is a very good representation of the killing of the buffalo demon by Durgā (*Mahīṣamardini*). *Progress Report of ASI, Western Circle, 1920*, p. 102.

India, Durgā or Bhagavatī was fervently worshipped by some of the Gurjara-Pratihāra emperors of Kanauj.<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva is not the only Jaina writer of the tenth century who refers to the cult of Candikā. A few decades earlier, Devasena in his *Bhāvasaṅgraha* (verse 76) mentions the killing of goats at the altar of Candikā and the worship of the Kula<sup>2</sup> with wine: while Siddharṣi in his *Upamitibhāṣaprapañcā Kathā* (Book IV) refers to the worship of Candikā with wine and describes drinking bouts and merrymaking in the forecourt of the shrine of the goddess with their evil consequences. So far as Somadeva is concerned, the cult of Candikā is located by him in the city of Rājapura in the Yaudheya country, which has been variously identified as the region between the Sutlej and the Jumna, or Bahawalpur State in the Punjab, south of Multan.<sup>3</sup> If the Yaudheya country is supposed to be the region between the Sutlej and the Jumna, Rājapura may perhaps be identified with Rajpura in Patiala state, now an important junction on the North Western Railway. Somadeva describes Rājapura as full of magnificent temples, and it is obviously the capital of the Yaudheya country, but we cannot be certain about its identification. It may be noted in this connection that a Rājapura is mentioned by Yuan Chwang,<sup>4</sup> and it has been identified with the Rājapuri frequently mentioned in the *Rājataranginī*, the modern Rajauri in the province of Jammu in Kashmir. We have no evidence to connect Rājapuri with the Candikā cult, but the Chinese traveller describes the inhabitants from Lampa to Rājapura as 'of rude violent dispositions' and as 'inferior peoples of frontier (i. e. barbarian) stocks', reminding one of the Sabaras who were in the habit of worshipping the goddess under different names. But few ancient remains have been discovered at Rajauri, and a recent survey revealed nothing except a few architectural fragments belonging to temples similar to those of Kashmir proper.<sup>5</sup> The site of Rājapura is, as a matter of fact, of

1 The Partabgarh inscription of Mahendrapāla II (946 A. D.) has, for instance, two verses in praise of Durgā almost at the beginning. Nāgabhaṭa II (first half of 9th century), Bhoja I (second half of 9th century) and Mahendrapāla I (end of 9th and early 10th century) are described as ardent devotees of Bhagavatī or Durgā (*paramibhagavatī-bhakta*). *HI*, Vol. XIV, p. 176 ff.

2 Kula means Śakti. For details see Introduction to *Kulaśūḍāmaṇi Tantra* (*Tantrik Texts*).

3 Fournier: *Dynasties et Histoire de l'Inde depuis Kanishka*, p. 44.

4 Watters: *On Yuan Chwang*, vol. I, p. 284.

5 Kak: *Antiquities of Shimbar and Rajauri* (Memoirs of the Archaeological Survey of India, No. 14).

little importance with regard to the cult of Candamāri. Somadeva's account is in some respects so graphic and detailed that he seems to write from first-hand knowledge of the cult, as it was practised by certain zealots in his time somewhere in the Deccan.

The Mahāyoginīs are described by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka*, Book I, in connection with the temple of Candamāri. The description is rather fantastic, but the author's purpose is to depict the terrific aspect of these deities and represent them as fit companions of Candamāri. In Book III the spy is declared to have communed with the Mahāyoginīs and acquired supersensuous knowledge.<sup>1</sup> These references are interesting as illustrating the fact that the cult of the Yoginīs was prevalent in the tenth century. It is noteworthy that the circular temple of the sixty-four Yoginīs at Bheraghat, thirteen miles from Jubbulpore, has also been assigned to the tenth century.<sup>2</sup> This peculiar shrine 'consists of a huge thick wall along the outer edge of a circular platform, inside which there is a circular row of pillars and pilasters arranged in two concentric circles'. There is a flat roof supported on the pillars and pilasters. According to Cunningham, the temple of the Sixty-four Yoginīs was originally a simple circular enclosure, containing the images of the Yoginīs, the wall being of the same height as the statues. He concluded that the circular cloister, as it at present stands, is the work of two different periods: the old circular wall, with its inscribed statues, belonging to the tenth century; and the cloister, with its roof, being the work of queen Alhanādevī in the twelfth century. The actual number of images in the shrine including various other figures is more than eighty. Most of them are seated, with the names of the deities inscribed on the pedestals in letters of the tenth century. For example, Śrī-Thakīnī, Śrī-Virendrī, Śrī-Phanendrī, Śrī-Kṣatradharmiṇī, Śrī-Bhīṣaṇī, Śrī-Ghaṇṭālī, Śrī-Jahā, Śrī-Dākīnī, Śrī-Lampatā, Śrī-Indrajālī, Śrī-Īśvari, Śrī-Aṅgiṇī, Śrī-Candīkā, Śrī-Ajita, Śrī-Piṅgalā, Śrī-Vārāhī, Śrī-Erūḍī, Śrī-Vibhatsā, Śrī-Kāmadā, Śrī-Raṇājirā etc. A beautiful figure of Mahiṣamardini is called Śrī-Teraṃvā. The existence of a separate temple for the worship of the sixty-four Yoginīs shows the popularity of Tāntric cults in the tenth century. It is interesting to note that, under the lotus on which Śrī-Sarvatomukhī is seated is another fullblown lotus, the calyx of which bears the Tāntric emblem of crossed triangles (*Ṣaṭkoṣa*), with the mystic formula *Hrim* in the centre.<sup>3</sup>

1 See Chap. IV.

2 R. D. Banerji: *The Heiṣayas of Tripuri and their monuments*, p. 62.

3 See the detailed description of the images in Banerji (op. cit.)

Another temple dedicated to the sixty-four Yoginis exists at Khajurāho in Chhatarpur State in Central India. 'The script of the brief inscriptions on its walls does not indicate a period much, if at all, anterior to 900 A. D.'; and the temple has accordingly been assigned to the first half of the tenth century. Three other temples dedicated to the 64 Yoginis are known to exist, viz., 1) at Surādā in the Pātan or Paṭṭana State, one of the Tributary States of Orissa; 2) at Rānīpur-Jurāl in the same State; and 3) in Coimbatore District, Madras. It is a remarkable fact that all the known temples dedicated to the 64 Yoginis are circular, except the one at Khajurāho, which is 'peculiar in being oblong'.<sup>1</sup>

Somadeva refers to the Mothers in connection with the cult of Caṇḍamāri. In his description of the temple of the goddess, in *Yasustilaka* Book I, he speaks of the Mātṛmaṇḍala or the group of the Mothers as being worshipped there by certain fanatics, who had torn out their intestines to please those deities.<sup>2</sup> The Seven Mothers are here brought into relation with a horrid and ferocious cult, but they had also a benign aspect, and are well-known as the guardian deities of the early Cālukyas, as stated in their copper-plate grants.<sup>3</sup> Sculptural representations of these deities have been found at Aihole and other places in the Deccan.<sup>4</sup> The Seven Mothers, four-armed, each with a child, figure among the sculptures on the south wall of Cave XIV at Ellora, popularly known as Ravana-ka-kai: each has her cognizance on the base below.<sup>5</sup> There is a very well-executed sculpture representing the Seven Mothers on a stone slab, built into the wall of a step-well, out in front of the temple of Siddheśvara at Haveri in the Dharwar district. 'On most of these slabs each goddess holds a child on her lap to denote motherhood, but they are absent on this; and they are generally flanked by Śiva on one side and Gaṇapati on the other. Next to Śiva, in this case, is Brāhmī or Brahmāṇī, the female counterpart of Brahmā, below her being Brahmā's vehicle, the goose. Next is Māheśvarī, Śiva's counterpart, with his bull *Nandi*, beside whom is Vaiṣṇavi seated over Garuḍa. After her come Kaumārī, counterpart of Kārtikeya, with his peacock; Vārāhī with a buffalo instead of the boar; Indrāṇī or Aindrī with the elephant, and, lastly, Cāmundā with a dog, but sometimes a dead body. This last Mother is shown as a skeleton with long pendent breasts.

1 For detailed references see *Indian Antiquary*, 1908, p. 182.

2 'कविर्दीपगुप्तपद्मसूक्तकीयापदप्रदोन्नतोपमापद्मसूक्त'. There is another reference to the Mātṛmaṇḍala in Book I. See Chap. IV.

3 Bhandarkar: *Early History the Deccan*, p. 83. Third edition.

4 Connsen: *Chalukyan Architecture of the Kanarese Districts*, p. 45.

5 Burgess: *A Guide to Dhura Caoc Temples*, p. 24.

Each goddess has four arms, and in their hands they carry symbols belonging to the gods they represent. The arrangement is not always the same.<sup>2</sup> Various sculptures representing Siva and the Seven Mothers are found in the temples at Un in the southern part of Indore State.<sup>3</sup>

The worship of the goddess Aparājītā is mentioned by Somadeva in Book III as part of the general description of the court life of Yaśodhara. In three verses recited by a bard the blessings of the goddess are invoked for the success of the king in warfare. We are told that Aparājītā, called also Ambikā, grants victory to kings on the battlefield, and is herself incarnate in their arms and weapons. The stars are the pearls on her hair, and the sun and the moon are her eyes: the celestial river is her robe, and the oceans are her girdle, and the Meru mountain is her body. She is worshipped by Indra, Śiva, Brahmā and Viṣṇu.<sup>4</sup> It is clear from the Devīmāhātmya section of *Mārkaṇḍeyapurāṇa* (chap. 88 ff.) that Aparājītā, Ambikā, Durgā, Kātyāyanī, Gaurī, Bhadrakālī etc. are different names of Caṇḍikā; they are to be regarded rather as different forms of Caṇḍikā, and worshipped on different occasions for special purposes. The meditation of Aparājītā is recommended in the medieval Tantric work *Īśānasivagurudevapaddhati* in the course of the ritual prescribed for the worship of Gaurī;<sup>5</sup> and it is interesting to note that one of the rites is meant for the king and prescribed to ensure his victory in war.<sup>6</sup> The same work treats in detail of the worship of Durgā, who is significantly described as capable of destroying hostile armies.<sup>6</sup> Aparājītā is thus one of those deities whose worship was favoured at the royal court as a means to vanquishing the enemies of the king.

We learn further from *Yasastilaka* that the worship of Aparājītā took place on the Mahānavamī day, and the occasion is, in fact, more important than the name of the goddess. The Mahānavamī festival is mentioned

1 Cousens (op cit.), p. 87. For some other details see the Vocabulary appended to the English Translation of the *Naiṣadhacarita*, under *Ambikā*.

2 See Appendix III. In the Chaubara Dera temple the sculpture occurs twice on doors. An elaborately carved door bears the Seven Mothers with Śiva in the centre, all dancing. Over a door in the small Śiva temple to the north of the Chaubara Dera we have representations of the Seven Mothers with Śiva playing on a lyre. One of the lintels in the temple of Nilakanṭhesvara represents Śiva as dancing with the Seven Mothers.

3 *Yasastilaka* 3. 459-461.

4 '.....अमवपरकरा धृताङ्गशशिनी, विधृतशशिकलां सुरेदपरानिताम् ॥' (*Mantrapada*) 23. 51.

5 Ibid. 23. 57

6 'अथवा शङ्खसैन्यादिविग्रहे परमेश्वरीम्' Ibid. 25. 19

by Somadeva also in Book I, wherein we are told that Māradatta invited the populace to the temple of Candikā on the pretext of celebrating the festival, although it was not the proper season for it.<sup>1</sup> Śrutasāgara in his commentary defines Mahānavamī as the ninth day of the bright fortnight of the month of Caitra. Another Jaina writer, Udayavīra, in his *Parśvanātha-carita* (chap. IV) includes the Mahānavamī rites among non-Jaina cults and practices and assigns them to the bright fortnight of Caitra and Āśvina.<sup>2</sup> It was usual to celebrate the festival in the latter month, and Mahānavamī was the ninth day of the bright half of Āśvina, marking the culmination of the Navarātra rites commencing from the *pratipad* of that month. Strictly speaking, the term *mahānavamī* was applied to the eighth lunar day of the bright half of Āśvina when in conjunction with the Mūla constellation, and the eighth as well as the ninth day was appointed for the worship of the goddess Cāmundā or Durgā.<sup>3</sup> The *Garudapurāṇa* (chap. 134) gives a similar definition of Mahānavamī, but mentions a different constellation.<sup>4</sup>

The *Devīpurāṇa* (Chap. XXII) gives a detailed account of the Mahānavamī rites which had a special significance for the king. On the eighth or *aṣṭamī* day nine wooden pavilions were erected, or even one, wherein was installed an image of Durgā made of gold or silver or earth or wood. The goddess could also be worshipped in a symbolic way in a consecrated sword or a spear. The king repeated in silence mystic formulas before the goddess and sacrificed an animal after midnight for obtaining victory, the flesh and blood of the victim being offered to the goblins by repeating the Mahākūśika formula. The king then took a ceremonial bath and hit a paste model of his enemy with a sword and presented it to Skanda and Viśākha. This is a remarkable feature of the Mahānavamī cult and illustrates all the more clearly its connection with the king and his security and military plans.

The corresponding account in *Garudapurāṇa* (chapters 134 and 135) gives some additional details. The Durgā image is provided with diverse weapons, and appears to have eighteen hands; the left ones holding

1 'महामहानवमीनवमिपक्षमाहृतसकलसामन्तामात्रजानपदः'

2 'वैशाखिनवम्या महावम्यां योजयेत्तामिदेषपूजादि'

3 CL. दुर्गावैष्णवादि p. 59: देवार्त्री त्रिपुष्टीपदे—जावदुत्तमपक्ष जटनी मूलसंयुता। सा महानवमी नाम वैज्यवैजयि दुर्गाया ॥ कल्पान्तरे त्रिपुष्टी दुर्गावैजयि दुर्गा। मूलनक्षत्रसंयुता सा महानवमी स्मृता ॥ जटनी च सुवर्णा च कल्पान्तोत्तमपक्षान्तरे etc.

4 'दुर्गावैष्णवादिपुष्टीपदे उपराधाया युता। सा महानवमीत्युक्ता कानदाद्यादि बाह्वयम् ॥ नवमी कैवल्य चापि दुर्गा चैव दुर्गापूजे ॥ महामहानवम्यां महापूजादुत्तिष्ठ ॥'



various objects, a skull, a shield, a mirror, a bell, a flag, a noose, a drum etc., and the right ones the weapons, spear, lance, club, dart, bolt, arrows etc. Nine other attendant deities with sixteen hands, Ugracandā, Candā-nāyikā, Candā, Aticandikā etc., are also worshipped and a five year old buffalo is sacrificed in the latter part of the night. It is probable that of the two accounts that in the *Devipurāṇa* records an older version of the Mahānavamī cult.<sup>1</sup>

The ninth day of the bright fortnight of Āśvina was, generally speaking, sacred to the Devī, and nearly always the *navamī* cult is brought into relation with the king and his surroundings. We may refer, for instance, to *Viṣṇudharmottarapurāṇa* (Khaṇḍa II, chap. 158), which prescribes the worship of Bhadrakālī and that of the royal insignia and arms and weapons on that day: the goddess is worshipped by the king in a decorated pavilion near the barracks (*sibira*), and he has to keep awake the whole night. Similarly, the worship of the goddess Cāmuṇḍā on the aforesaid *tithi* is prescribed in *Skandapurāṇa*, *Prabhāsakhaṇḍa* (chap. 242 of *Prabhāsakṣetramāhātmya*). The same text describes a great festival in honour of Yogeśvarī, a form of Durgā, commencing from the fifth night of the bright half of Āśvina, the main feature being the mystic presentation of a sword to the goddess; while on the *ninth day*, after the sacrifice of animals, the king at the head of his army leads a procession with the image of the goddess in a chariot (*Ibid.* chap. 83). These and similar references help us to understand the nature of the Mahānavamī festival, which may be regarded as a magic rite for the success of the king in warfare, or perhaps as a quasi-military festival celebrated under the patronage of the king, and in which he actively participates. A statement in *Devipurāṇa* (chap. XXII) seems even to suggest that the Mahānavamī rites were put forward as a kind of substitute for the ancient horse-sacrifice.<sup>2</sup> The allusion to Mahānavamī in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, corroborated by similar references in the Purāṇas, shows its popularity as a

1 The Mahānavamī cult survives to some extent in the great Durgā Pūjā festival of Bengal and Assam, celebrated in the bright half of Āśvina on the same *tithis* as those prescribed in the Purāṇic texts cited above. The mythological background is different, and the image of the ten-armed Durgā, standing on a lion and piercing the Buffalo demon with a lance, is accompanied on either side by the subsidiary images of Lakṣmī, Sarasvatī, Kārttikeya and Gaṇeśa. The eighth and the ninth are the great days of worship, and animal sacrifices are not entirely absent. Prominence is given to the tenth or the Vijayā Daśamī day when the images are immersed in rivers and streams.

2 अश्वमेधमवाप्नोति भक्तिना सुरसत्तम । महानवम्यां पूजेयं सर्वकामप्रदानिका ॥ 22. 28.



court festival; and it is mentioned also in Bāṇa's *Harjaṇṇa*, Book VIII, which refers to the sacrifice of buffaloes on the occasion.<sup>1</sup> Somadeva does not indeed speak of animal sacrifices in connection with Mahānavamī; and it is quite possible that they were sometimes omitted, specially when the festival was celebrated under the auspices of a court like that of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas, susceptible to the influence of Jaina ideas.

Mahānavamī is followed by Dipotsava or the Festival of Lights, corresponding to the modern Diwālī. The short description of it addressed to the king by a bard in *Yasastilaka* 3. 462-4 refers to the whitewashed palaces and the white flags and the rows of lights on the lofty terraces of the edifices of the city; and speaks of 'the women excited by gambling', the gaiety of courtesans, and the sweet notes of music.' According to *Padmapurāṇa* (*Uttarakhaṇḍa*), the Dipotsava commences on the fourteenth day of the dark half of Kārttika, and importance is given to a ceremonial bath on that day followed by a salutation to Yama. The illuminations take place in the evening; temples, buildings, shrines, assembly-halls, stables and fortifications are decorated with lights as are also river-banks, tanks, gardens and gateways. Next day the king entertains the citizens in a large-scale reception; and the Dipotasva seems to have provided a suitable occasion for promoting cordial relations between the ruler and the ruled. The king is expected to gratify the various classes of people on the joyous occasion, the good men with courtesy and others with food and drink and the learned with conversation and the inmates of the inner apartments with presents of cloth, betel, flowers, camphor and saffron and various delicacies. The village headmen are rewarded with gifts, and money presents are made to the tributaries; while ornaments are distributed among troops, ministers and kinsmen. Seated on a raised platform, the king witnesses bull-fights, and reviews the assembled clansmen and the troops and the actors, dancers and minstrels. An interesting item is the ceremonial fastening of the Mārgapālī, a wreath of Kuśa and Kāśa grass with numerous streamers, to a pillar of the fort or a tree, under which are assembled the horses, elephants and the cattle to ensure protection against disease. During the night the people indulge in gambling, and at midnight the women of the city cast out Alakṣmī, the goddess of poverty, from their homes to the sound of drums and music. The most important item of the nocturnal festivities is the worship of the

1 'महानवमीर्द्वयविषयमङ्गलम्'. The citation in *पुराणेभिः* (op. cit.) goes on to say सः पुष्पाः सा पवित्रा च सुवर्णसुवर्णमणिः । तस्यां तदा सुवर्णीया वासुधैवा कुण्डलमिति ॥ तस्यां वै सुवर्णवन्द्ये प्राणिनां वसिष्ठवन्द्यः । सर्वे वै स्वर्गं प्राप्तिं कृतां वारं च विन्दते ॥

2 See also Chap. VII.

demon king Bali. He is painted in gay colours, with the Vindhya range in the background (?), within a circle on the floor, and worshipped with all kinds of lotus blossoms and with wine, flesh and varieties of food. The king, too, with his ministers and priests, worships Bali for a happy new year, and passes the night without sleep in company with actors, dancers and singers (Chap. 122).

The Dipotsava depicted by Somadeva in *Yasastilaka* is a secular festival; and the *Padmapurāṇa*, too, emphasizes the prominent rôle played by the court and its entourage in the festivities. But the details given in the *Purāṇa* indicate also its religious aspect which it has not entirely lost even today. In Bengal, for example, the goddess Kālī is worshipped on the Diwālī or Dipānvitā night; while the Jains celebrate the festival of lights on the new moon of Kārttika as a commemoration of the *nirvāṇa* of Mahāvira. The Dipotsava or Diwālī, like the ancient Jewish festival of 'Light', called also Hanukkah 'Rededication,'<sup>1</sup> may be described as a secular festival with a distinctly religious background.<sup>2</sup>

The *Padmapurāṇa* (op. cit.), which calls the festival of lights Dipāvalī or Dipotsava, designates it also as Kaumudī and gives the derivation of the name.<sup>3</sup> The festival is also called Kaumudī in *Vāmanapurāṇa* 92. 58, which describes how it was instituted in honour of Bali after his imprisonment by Viṣṇu. But the Kaumudī, properly so called, was a festival of the moonlight, and so different from the Dipotsava or Diwālī. Somadeva refers to the Kaumudī festival in *Yasastilaka* VII. 27,<sup>4</sup> and it is also mentioned in

1 It was an annual eight-day festival instituted in 165 B. C. to celebrate the re-establishment of worship in the temple after the interruption caused by the persecution under Antiochus IV. The illumination of houses on every one of the eight evenings was a characteristic feature of the celebration. 'The illumination was originally solely domestic; later, lamps were lighted in the synagogues also.' Moore: *Judaism*, Vol. II, p. 50.

2 The earliest festival of lights seems to have been celebrated in Egypt in connection with the cult of the goddess Neith of Sais, the capital of the Kings of the XXVIth dynasty, as recorded by Herodotus, II. 62. He says that, on the night of the sacrifice, lamps were kept burning in the open air round about the houses. These lamps were saucers full of salt and oil, the wick burning all night. The illumination took place not only at Sais but throughout all Egypt. Herodotus travelled in Egypt about 450 B. C.

3 'कुसुमैव नदी देवा मुद इवै ततो द्रवन् । बाहुले निगमैवेव देवैश्च कौमुदी सृता । को मोदन्ते जना वसामानामादेः परस्परम् । इह तुहाः सुखापवासेनैश्च कौमुदी सृता । कुसुमानि कलेयैश्च दीयन्ते तेन वसुध ॥ अर्घ्यानि वादिनैः पुन देवैश्च कौमुदी सृता ।'

4 The queen Rāmadattā is described as witnessing the celebration of the Kaumudī festival by the women of the city from a high pavilion (नगराङ्गनामनसः.....कौमुदीहोतसः समवभाजोऽयमना तमबोत्सवसमासीना ).

Uddyotanasūri's *Kuśalayamālā* which assigns it to the full moon of the autumn.<sup>1</sup> An earlier reference to the Kaumudī festival occurs in Āryasūra's *Jātakamālā* (XIII) in the story of Unmādayanti: the city is decorated with flags and the ground bestrewn with flowers; songs, dance and music are in full swing; luxury goods are exposed for sale and the streets thronged by gaily dressed crowds. It is noteworthy that there is no reference to artificial illumination which is a characteristic of the Dipotsava. The Kaumudī was, in fact, a glorification of the autumnal full moon. It was a popular festival, being also mentioned in *Mudrārākṣasa*, Act III and *Mālatīmādhava*, Act VII, and seems to be identical with the Kaumudijāgara noticed in Vātsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* 1. 4. 42. According to the Jayamaṅgalā commentary thereon, the latter festival took place on the full moon night of Āśvina, the chief amusements being swings and gambling. The festival is mentioned simply as Kaumudī in *Kāmasūtra* 5. 5. 11, and the commentary here explains it as *Kojāgara*, which is the same as the full moon of Āśvina.<sup>2</sup> It is probable, however, that it was also customary to celebrate the Kaumudī festival on the full moon night of Kārttika.<sup>3</sup>

A hymn to Sarasvatī which is also a benediction addressed to the king occurs in Book III (vv. 261-8), and is described as accompanying the dance that takes place in connection with the preliminary worship of the deities before the commencement of a play. One of the verses runs thus:

मानससरोविनिर्गलसिससरसिहृदित्वेः सरस्वत्याः । वरवर्णकीर्णकान्तिः पुष्पाञ्जलिरस्तु रत्नपूजायै ॥

"Let this handful of flowers, radiant with beautiful colours, offered to Sarasvatī, abiding on the white lotus beds emerging on the Mānasa lake, serve the purpose of *raṅgapūjā* or the ceremonial worship preceding a dramatic performance."

1 Ratnaprabhasūri's Sanskrit version, p. 133.

2 It is probable that *Kojāgara* is a contraction of *Kaumudijāgara* in spite of the usual derivation *Ko jāgaritī*. In Bengal and Assam the *Kojāgara* or the *Kojāgarī Pūrṇimā* is definitely associated with the worship of Lakṣmī on the full moon after the Durgā Pūjā celebrations usually in Āśvina. An all-night vigil is recommended in honour of Lakṣmī, and the goddess is believed to ask at midnight: *Ko jāgaritī*, 'Who is awake?' See the citations in *Śabdakalpadrūma* under *Kojāgara*. For example, अभिने पौर्णमास्यां तु चरेन्नागरणं निशि । कौमुदी सा समाख्याता कार्वां लोकविभूतये ॥ कौमुदीं पूजयेत्समीक्षितमैरावतं सिरम् । निशीथे वरदा लक्ष्मीं को जागर्तीति भाषिणी । तस्मै निरतं प्रवञ्जलि जलेः क्रीडां करोति नः ॥ It will be seen that the full moon of Āśvina is referred to as Kaumudī.

3 See Dhruva's edition of *Mudrārākṣasa*, Act III, *Notes*. In *Mudrārākṣasa*, 3. 10 the Kaumudī is described as a *pārvana vidhi*, which is explained by the commentator Dhundhirāja as taking place on *pārvana* or the full moon of Kārttika. See Telang's edition. Kaumudī is explained as a festival in Kārttika in *Trikaṭa* 2. 3, 12.

The custom of *raṅgapūjā*, as described in Bharata's *Nāṭyaśāstra* (chap. 8), is a very old one and illustrates the interconnection of art and religion in ancient India. In the *Nāṭyaśāstra*, however, *raṅgapūjā* is an elaborate process involving the worship of a large number of deities in the playhouse with various offerings, and Sarasvatī is merely one among them; but it is probable that in later times Sarasvatī alone was worshipped, and in any case Somadeva does not mention the worship of any other deity in the *nāṭyaśāla*. Further, according to Bharata, the item of *Pūrvaraṅga*, an elaborate musical prelude consisting of songs and dances before the performance of a play, takes place after the *raṅgapūjā* proper is over. Somadeva seems to make a combined reference to both the items when he speaks of *pūrvaraṅgapūjā*, but the distinct mention of *raṅgapūjā* in the verse quoted above shows that he has in mind the customary worship preceding a dramatic performance in the Hindu theatre. In regard to the position of Sarasvatī in *raṅgapūjā*, Somadeva's verses in praise of the goddess in *Yasastilaka* are mainly in the nature of a benediction addressed to the king; and in the *Nāṭyaśāstra* also, after the formal worship of the deities in which Sarasvatī has her due share,<sup>1</sup> the preceptor of the dramatic art (*nāṭyācārya*) praises and greets the king and the dancing girls, and then utters a benedictory verse for the prosperity of the king, in which the blessings of Sarasvatī and certain allied deities are prominently invoked.<sup>2</sup>

Sarasvatī is represented by Somadeva as white and seated on a white lotus: she is three-eyed (i. e. has an eye on the forehead), and has matted hair on the head, and the crescent for ear-ornament. She has four hands bearing different emblems: the *dhyāna-mudrā* (also called *cintā* or *jñānamudrā*); a rosary of Rudrākṣa beads; a book; and the *varada-mudrā*.<sup>3</sup> Somadeva's description of Sarasvatī roughly corresponds to that found in authoritative texts like *Sāradātīlaka*, *Īśānaśivagurudevapaddhati* and *Prapañcasūratāntra*, except for minor variations in the distribution and character of the emblems. According to *Sāradātīlaka* 6. 4<sup>4</sup> and *Prapañcasūtra* 7. 8, for instance, the emblems are *jñāna-mudrā*, a rosary of Rudrākṣa beads, a jar of nectar and a book; while *Prapañcasūtra* 8. 41 substitutes

1 ब्रह्मार्थं मधुरकेण पायसेन सरस्वतीम् । शिवविष्णुमहेन्द्राद्याः संपूज्या मोदकैश्च ॥ *Nāṭyaśāstra* 3. 37

2 Ibid. 3. 88 ff.

3 *Yasastilaka* 3. 261, 262.

4 "सुद्रामन्त्रपुणं सुपाठ्यकलशं विद्यां च हस्ताभ्युदीर्घिजाणां विस्तृतप्रभां विनयनां वारदेवतामाश्रये ॥ Rāghavabhaṭṭa says in his commentary: सुद्रा कान्तमुद्रा । अङ्गुष्ठतर्जनीयोगरूपा पाशोन्मिमुक्षी । विद्या पुस्तकं तन्मुद्राश्रये- The "book" is explained as referring to the पुस्तकमुद्रा, which is described as the closed left fist facing oneself (वाममुष्टिः आन्मिमुक्षी वक्ष्य पुस्तकमुद्रातिरेकि).

a lyre for the *jñāna-mudrā*. According to *Īśānasīva* (Mantrapāda 18. 6), the emblems are *varada-mudrā*, a rosary, a lyre and a book.

The cult of Sarasvatī seems to have been prevalent in the Kanarese districts in the age of Somadeva. There is an old temple of Sarasvatī at Gadag, in the Dharwar district, which, though small in size, contains some of the most elaborately carved pillars throughout the whole extent of Cālukyan architecture. It stands close to the eleventh century temple of Trikuṭeśvara, and might possibly be of the same date. Within the shrine is an image of Sarasvatī, seated cross-legged upon a high pedestal, which has a peacock depicted in the central panel below. Unfortunately, the image is mutilated, the four arms being lopped off at the elbows. Otherwise, it is a very finely carved example representing the graceful figure of the goddess, with the pearlstrings around the neck and the jewelled band about the waist. The elaborate pile of curly tresses on the head is surmounted by a six-tiered coronet of jewels. Another image of Sarasvatī, of inferior workmanship, was found in the old Jaina temple at Lakkundi in the Dharwar district. It is a more complete example representing the goddess with four arms. 'In her right upper hand is an elephant goad or *aṅkuśa*. The right lower rests open, palm upwards, upon her knee, with a small petalled flower upon it. In the left upper hand she holds a folded book, while the left lower holds a citron.'<sup>1</sup> While the iconography shows divergence in details, the cult appears to remain the same.

Traces of a temple of Sarasvatī, older than that at Gadag, have been found at Aihole, the home of early temples in the Deccan. Close to the temple (No. 9) in the field to the south of the village, there stood another temple, but all that remains of it now is the shrine doorway and the seat or throne of the image. As in the temple at Gadag, a peacock, with its crest and long tail, is sculptured on the front of the pedestal, which seems to be an indication that the temple was dedicated to Sarasvatī. 'It thus occupies exactly the same position with regard to the temple as the later temple of Sarasvatī does to the temple of Trikuṭeśvara at Gadag.'<sup>2</sup> In northern India, there is 'a famous temple of the goddess Sarasvatī, or Sārada Devi' at Maihar, now a station on the railway between Allahabad and Jabalpur.<sup>3</sup>

Pilgrimage to the shrine of the goddess Nandā on the Himalayas, evidently on the peak now known as Nandadevi, is mentioned in *Yasastilaka*

<sup>1</sup> Cousens: *Chalukyan Architecture of the Kanarese districts*, pp. 25, 79, 110.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 44.

<sup>3</sup> Vincent Smith: *History and Coinage of the Chandel Dynasty in Indian Antiquary*, 1903, p. 136.

VII. 31.<sup>1</sup> The cult of this goddess is described in detail in *Devipurāṇa* (chap. 92-93), and extraordinary merit is said to accrue from the difficult journey to the almost inaccessible shrine. The goddess is clad in white raiment, and has four hands; she is surrounded by numerous beautiful maidens who are eager to marry her devotees. A noteworthy feature of the cult is that respect for women is particularly enjoined on the worshippers of the goddess (ibid. 93. 165 ff.). Nandā-tīrtha is described in *Devipurāṇa* as a Śaiva tīrtha, and, as in *Yasastilaka*, the goddess is called Bhagavati Nandā (93. 22-24).<sup>2</sup>

A city-goddess named Siddhāyikā, 'who inspired the confidence of many people', is mentioned in Book I.<sup>3</sup> In Book IV there is a reference to the evil spirit Kṛtyā who kills her own worshippers.<sup>4</sup> It may be noted that, according to *Kathāsaritsāgara* 5. 121-2, Cāṇakya worshipped Kṛtyā with magic rites in order to bring about the death of king Nanda. Kṛtyā is mentioned also in Śivasvāmin's *Kapphiṇābhyudaya Mahākāvya* 3. 24, 28,<sup>5</sup> composed in Kashmir in the ninth century. A reference to the six magic rites of the Tantric cult occurs in a verse in *Yasastilaka*, Book IV.<sup>6</sup> According to *S'āradātīlaka* 23. 122 ff., they are *sānti* or cure of disease and the expulsion of evil spirits such as Kṛtyā; *vasya* or bringing others under one's control; *stambhana* or paralysing the activity of others; *vidveṣa* or causing enmity between friends; *ucāḍhana* or compelling one to abandon hearth and home; and *māraṇa* or killing. Each of these rites has a presiding goddess who is worshipped at the beginning, and the goddess Jyeṣṭhā seems to be connected with the process of *vidveṣa*.<sup>7</sup> A reference to Jyeṣṭhā occurs also in *Yasastilaka* 3. 118 wherein she is said to be worshipped with white lotus blossoms.<sup>8</sup> Jyeṣṭhā is diametrically opposite to Lakṣmī, being the goddess of adversity (Alakṣmī), and so called, because she is believed to have emerged prior to Lakṣmī during the churning of the ocean. Her legend is related in *Līṅgapurāṇa* (*Uttarabhāga*, chap. 6), and she is particularly associated with sinners and evil-doers and all those who are outside the pale of the Brahmanical religion.

1 'नन्दागवतीयात्रानुसारित्वाद्'

2 यथा गङ्गा नदीनां तु उत्तमत्वे व्यवस्थिता । तद्वद्गवती नन्दा उत्तमत्वेन संस्थिता ॥

3 'तदेवमनेकलोकोत्पादितप्रत्ययायाः पुरदेव्याः सिद्धायिकायाः.....सरसोमनसं नामोमानसबलोक्तम्'. Siddhāyikā appears to be a Jaina goddess. See Chap. XIII.

4 'अन्मया कृत्याराधक इव भुवं पञ्चजनः पञ्चतामसेद् ।'

5 'अस्त्युग्रं जपत इव प्रकोपकृत्वा निर्मातुं विषदमिचारमक्षतचमः'; 'कृत्वेव कुकुटिरसिस्फुटा'.

6 'वदकर्मकार्वाणमयाक्षयुदयै' etc.

7 शान्तिवश्यस्तम्भनानि विधेयोच्चाटने ततः । मारणान्तानि शंसन्ति वद कर्माणि मनीषिणः ॥ रोगकृत्वाग्रहादीनां निरासः शान्तिरीरिता । रसिर्वाणी रमा ज्येष्ठा दुर्गा खली यथा कमाद् ॥ वदकर्मदेवताः प्रोक्तः कर्मादी ताः प्रपूजयेद् ।

8 'युज्यन्मन्त्रं भिन्नः सङ्गाज्येष्ठायाश्च न कैरवद् ।'



The worship of Cupid was celebrated as a court festival in the spring amidst vernal sports, of which we have a lively picture in *Yasastilaka*, Book III.<sup>1</sup> A further reference to the festivities in connection with the worship of of Cupid, in which the king participates, occurs in Book V.<sup>2</sup>

Certain beliefs and customs belonging to the sphere of popular religion are recorded in *Yasastilaka*. The moon of the fourth lunar day was believed to cause disputes.<sup>3</sup> A dove alighting inside a house was supposed to forebode its destruction.<sup>4</sup> A number of evil omens described in connection with Yaśodhara's journey to the temple of Caṇḍikā in Book IV, e. g. the trumpeting of a female elephant at the commencement of a journey, the braying of a donkey from behind etc. A shower of crested tadpoles on a house was an evil portent indicating destruction of wealth and prosperity.<sup>5</sup> Elephants were supposed to be possessed by a spirit named Madapurusa, of terrible aspect, like lightning fire.<sup>6</sup> Śrutasaṅgara in his commentary quotes a verse which enumerates the characteristics of Madapurusa: he has sixteen hands, four jaws, red eyes and flaming hair.<sup>7</sup>

Among popular customs referred to by Somadeva may be mentioned that of *ājyāveśana* or looking into clarified butter in the morning to counteract the effects of evil dreams and obtain other salutary results. It was a practice observed by kings while Brāhmaṇas uttered blessings.<sup>8</sup> The wellknown custom of *nirājana* or ceremonial waving of lights was observed as part of the evening rites to ensure the well-being of the king. A quantity of salt, thrown into the fire, after whirling it over the king's head, was supposed to counteract the evil eye, and this was also accompanied by the ceremony of offering boiled rice to the goblins on the roadside. This seems to have been followed by the act of *nirājana* proper, which consisted in revolving lights beside the king.<sup>9</sup> It was also customary to perform the *nirājana* ceremony in honour of the royal horses and elephants on special occasions like the coronation of the king.<sup>10</sup>

1 'मधौ मकरध्वजमाराधयामास'.

2 See Chap. II.

3 See Book III (चतुर्थे चतुर्थीचन्द्रार्त्ते) and Śrutasaṅgara's comm. thereon.

4 'अमारान्तरापक्षितः कपोत इव निर्वास' Book III.

5 येहि शिखण्डिमण्डकहृदिश्च श्रीच्छिन्दे दिवः 2. 72.

6 'उच्यते जालवज्रवैशानरकराद्यमूर्तिना मदपुरुषेणाधिहिततया द्विगुणीभूतमीमसाहसनिकाय' Book III.

7 "मधुरमीनामं चपलरसनं रक्तनयनं, चतुर्दशार्धं घृणकरशिरोमेघजठरम् । चलन्मुक्तं शङ्खमणमदमयं षोडशभुजं स्वलत्केयं वन्दे मदपुरुषमत्युग्रवदनम् ॥". शङ्खमण seems to be a mistake for शङ्खमय.

8 *Yasastilaka* 2. 96.

9 Ibid. 3. 476, 477

10 'आचरितयज्जवाग्निनीराजनैः' Book II.



## CHAPTER XVI

### JAINA RELIGIOUS AND MORAL STORIES

A considerable number of independent stories occurs in *Yasastilaka*, Books VI and VII, their purpose being to illustrate diverse tenets of Jaina religion and ethics. The first series in Book VI is meant to illustrate the different aspects of Samyaktva or Right faith, while the second series in Book VII illustrates two of the Mulaḡaṇas and the five Anuvratas. The stories, on the whole, belong to the sphere of religion and folklore, and form part of the body of Jaina narrative tradition, generally known as Kathāṇaka literature. Jacobi says: 'The rise of the Kathāṇaka literature.....may be placed about the end of the first century A. D. Its end is indicated by the time of Haribhadra who lived about 750 A. D. For Haribhadra wrote Tikās on the Āvaśyaka and other Sūtras and Nirvyuktis: and the Tikās form the fourth and last layer of the Kathāṇaka literature.'<sup>1</sup> Generally speaking, the stories incorporated by Somadeva in his work must be considered much earlier than the tenth century, and, as we shall see, several of them are actually found or referred to in earlier texts. Somadeva has thus no originality in respect of these stories, and his turgid prose is hardly suited to the treatment of such simple tales. His great merit is in bringing together so many ancient stories and elaborately narrating them by way of illustrating various teachings of the Jaina religion. He has, in fact, preserved for us a highly interesting collection of stories, which, from the standpoint of religion and folklore, is hardly less important than the story of Yaśodhara. Their literary interest is enhanced by the fact that they form a sort of independent story-book within the framework of the romance.

Some of the stories recorded by Somadeva are based on Brahmanical mythology, and may be called Jaina versions of Hindu tales. The story of the sage Viṣṇu is nothing but a Jaina adaptation of the story of the Dwarf Incarnation of Viṣṇu. Jamadagni and Reṇukā are well-known in Brahmanical mythology; the story of Vasu, as we shall see, is originally a Brahmanical legend. Perhaps the most notable of the stories preserved in *Yasastilaka* is an early legend, probably the earliest known, concerning the foundation of the once famous Jaina Stūpa of Mathurā.<sup>2</sup> Most of the stories illustrating the Anuvratas may be described as folktales. All the stories recorded in Books VI and VII are summarized below in the order in which they occur in Somadeva's work.

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<sup>1</sup> Jacobi: Introduction to *Śāhvirāṭkarita or Paritigaparan*, p. vii.

<sup>2</sup> See below (VII) and Chap. XVII.

I) The first story, in three sections, shows that without will-power, it is impossible to attain success in the practice of religion, and hints that ascetics of the Brahmanical faith lack in this essential quality. Two friends Dhanvantari, the son of a merchant, and Viśvānuloma, the son of a priest, were banished by the king of the city of Bhūmitilaka on account of various offences, and in the course of their wanderings they came to Hastināgapura. There Dhanvantari was initiated into the Jaina religion, and devoted himself to meditation under the Jaina discipline; while Viśvānuloma followed the Brahmanical faith and became an ascetic wearing a mass of matted hair. After their death they were reborn as gods under the names of Amitaprabha and Vidyutprabha respectively. One day the latter happened to boast about the superior status of Brāhmaṇa sages like Jamadagni, Mātanga and Kapiñjala, and both decided to descend to the earth to ascertain the truth. There in the Badarikā hermitage they saw the sage Jamadagni engrossed in rigorous austerities, his hair and beard white with age, and his body enveloped in a tangled mass of creepers, shrubs and ant-hills. Seeing him, the two gods assumed the form of a pair of birds, and having settled inside his beard, began to talk with each other. One of the birds said to his mate that he would have to go to attend the marriage of the bird-king Garuḍa, but would return without the least delay; if he spoke falsely, his sin would be as great as that of 'this' sinner of a sage. Jamadagni was angry to hear these words, and squeezed his beard with a view to punishing the birds, but they flew away and perched on the top of an adjoining tree. The sage recognised the birds to be a couple of gods in disguise, and asked them respectfully what sin he had committed. The birds cited two verses to the effect that one should renounce the world only after bringing children to the world. The sage was accordingly guilty of infringing the rule laid down in the Law-books, and should, therefore, marry and beget children. Jamadagni, on hearing this, exclaimed, 'That is quite easy', and went off to marry Renukā, the daughter of the king of Benares, his uncle, and in the course of time became the father of Paraśurāma.

With the fickle nature of Jamadagni is contrasted the steadfast purpose and resolution of two Jaina devotees. The two gods passed on to Magadha, and there saw Jinadatta, absorbed in meditation in a cremation ground on a dark Caturdaśī night. They commanded him to give up his meditation, and tried to intimidate him by conjuring up terrible scenes of a veritable war of the elements, with bursting rain-clouds, thunder and storm; and at the same time tried to cajole him out of his resolution by offering to grant various boons. Jinadatta, however, remained unmoved, and the two gods showed their appreciation of his courage and determination, by

presenting him with a magic formula enabling one to travel through the air, Jinadatta, in his turn, gave the formula to his pupil Dharasena, after having utilized it for the purpose of visiting the Jaina shrines on the Mountain of the gods.

Turning from the veteran Jinadatta, the two gods decided to try their tactics on a novice, recently initiated into the Jaina faith. They happened to see Padmaratha, the king of Mithilā, going to worship the Tirthamkara Vāsūpūjya on the very day of his initiation; and immediately began to disturb him by conjuring up various scenes of horror including certain tiger-shaped monstrosities. Unable to strike terror into his heart, they plunged him into a huge expanse of mud, but the drowning prince only said 'Salutation to Lord Vāsūpūjya!' The two gods then extolled Padmaratha's courage and fortitude, and took their departure.

The value of intrepid courage and resolution in the practice of religion is further illustrated in a sequel to the main story. Dharasena, who had received the magic formula for aerial travel from Jinadatta, began the perilous mystic rites necessary for its practical application amidst the nocturnal horrors of a cremation ground. The details of the rites are obscure, but the main item seems to have been the suspension of a swing from the branch of a banyan tree over a consecrated ground, bristling with numerous sharp arrows fixed in the earth with upturned points: the devotee was to mount on the swing and cut the arrows to pieces while uttering the magic formula. Meanwhile, Lalita, the misguided son of a king, who had turned thief, having been robbed of his patrimony by relatives, came out in the darkness, on the mission of stealing for his mistress a famous necklace belonging to the chief queen of the lord of Kuśāgrapura. He succeeded in his venture, but could not evade the police owing to the lustre of the necklace being visible in the darkness. So he threw away the ornament, and walking about in the outskirts of the city, came upon the scene of Dharasena's mystic rites. Seeing that Dharasena was hesitating to mount the swing, the thief questioned him about the procedure; and having acquainted himself with the sacred formula, boldly seated himself on the swing and cut off at one stroke the entire mass of arrows. As a result of his bravery, the thief acquired the magic powers longed for by Dharasena, and later became a Jaina ascetic and attained salvation on the mount of Kailāsa.

II) The sacrifice of personal ambition and self-interest for the sake of one's vow is illustrated in the story of Anantamati, the beautiful daughter of the merchant Priyadatta, an inhabitant of Campā. On the eve

of his departure for the *Sahasrakṛtā* shrine for the celebration of the Eight-day rites, the merchant sent for his daughter, and was told that she was playing the bride with her doll, while her maiden friends were singing nuptial songs. When Anantamati appeared before the old man, he asked her in jest to take the vow of chastity rather than harbour thoughts of marriage. The maiden, however, took the vow very seriously. Once in springtime she came out to indulge in the pastime of singing in company with her maiden friends on the day of Cupid's festival, when she was seen by a *Vidyādhara*, travelling through the air, accompanied by his wife. Wishing to abduct her, the demi-god went back to his home, left his wife there, and then returned and flew away with Anantamati. But his wife was quick to follow, and seeing her in a rage, he hastily dropped the maiden in a forest near *Śaṅkhapura*. There she was seen by a *Kirāta* hunter named *Bhīma* who took her away to his village. Failing to seduce her by persuasion, he decided on violence; but meanwhile, through the intervention of the sylvan deities, who admired the firmness of the girl, the house of the hunter caught fire, and the miscreant, seeing the danger, begged her to forgive him, and then left her on the slope of a mountain on the border of *Śaṅkhapura*. There she was found by a young merchant who had encamped with his caravan near by; but unable to seduce her with money, he made her over to a bawd in the city of *Ayodhyā*. The latter, failing to mislead the girl, presented her to the king of that region, who in his turn discarded her, being baffled by her constancy and the opposition of the presiding goddess of the city, who had marked her displeasure by doing harm to many of the king's subjects. Anantamati then came to live in a shrine near the house of *Jinendradatta*, the husband of her father's sister. After some time her father, while on a visit to his brother-in-law, happened to see her engaged in austerities in the shrine, and proposed to marry her to her cousin *Arhaddatta*, the son of *Jinendradatta*. But she firmly rejected the proposal on account of her vow of chastity.

III) Lack of hesitation in the practice of one's religion, for example, in the exercise of piety, is illustrated in the story of king *Auddāyana*, famous for his philanthropic actions. In order to test his piety, a certain god assumed the form of a religious mendicant, a loathsome leper with stinking and decaying limbs, and came to the king's house and asked for food. The king received him with open arms, and personally waited upon and treated him to a sumptuous meal. Unfortunately the leper felt sick, and as he lay in a mass of vomitted food, the king raised and washed him with his own hands, wiped his body with a silken scarf, and solaced him

with soft and kind words. The god then threw off his disguise, and took his departure after praising and honouring the king with divine presents.

IV) Unswerving allegiance to the tenets of the Jaina faith and the lack thereof are illustrated in the stories of Revatī and Bhavyasena respectively. A Vidyādhara prince, indifferent to worldly happiness, abdicated in favour of his son, and desiring to visit the Jaina temple at Mathurā, took leave of his *guru* Muniguptā at Madura, 'the Mathurā of the south', and departed for the north with a congratulatory message from Munigupta to Revatī, the consort of Varuṇa, king of Mathurā. Arriving at the city by air, the Vidyādhara decided to test the religious conviction of Bhavyasena, a learned Jaina teacher, and of the faithful Revatī. Assuming the form of a young student, he first appeared before Bhavyasena and expressed his desire to study grammar with him. One day while walking with his teacher in the outskirts of the city, the Vidyādhara, by his supernatural powers, covered the ground with young sprouts of corn; and, on Bhavyasena hesitating to walk over them, because in the Jaina scriptures the sprouts of corn were regarded as stationary creatures, the so-called student argued that they had no characteristic of life such as breath, and were merely transformations of earth, very like gems. Bhavyasena believed his words and walked over the sprouts, without questioning the validity of his assertion. Similarly, the Vidyādhara persuaded Bhavyasena to use a clod of earth for cleansing purposes by arguing that it did not contain any living creatures, as maintained by Jaina doctrine. Then he persuaded him to take water without first straining it through a cloth, as required by Jaina practice (in order to eliminate living creatures), his argument being that no such creatures were visible in the transparent water. In this way the Vidyādhara satisfied himself that Bhavyasena lacked inner conviction and tenacity of faith in the religion professed by him; he now realised why the sage Munigupta had neglected to address any message to Bhavyasena.

The Vidyādhara then proceeded with elaborate preparations to test the faith of Revatī, well-known for her whole-hearted devotion to the Jaina faith. He betook himself to the eastern quarter of the city, and there created a sensation by assuming the form of Brahman, seated on a swan, with all his characteristics and paraphernalia. The Vedic verses uttered by the latter were being eagerly listened to by a multitude of sages such as Mātanga, Bhṛgu, Bharata, Gautama, Garga, Piṅgala, Pulaha, Puloman, Pulastī, Parāśara, Marici and Virocana. The Arts incarnate in the form of beautiful maidens were standing by, plying their fly-whisks, and the deep-voiced Narada was acting as doorkeeper. Revatī heard of this extraordinary phenomenon,

but remained indifferent for she knew that Brahman did not figure among the sixty-three Famous Persons recognised by the Jaina scriptures.

The Vidyādhara then appeared in the southern quarter of the city and attracted great attention by assuming the form of Viṣṇu, lying on the coils of the lord of serpents, and wearing a ruby crown surmounted by a large spray of Pārijāta blossoms. Brahman, seated on a lotus emerging from Viṣṇu's navel, was reciting the latter's thousand names; Indra and the goddess of wealth were caressing his feet; the captive wives of demons were waving fly-whisks; and Garuḍa was maintaining order among the assembled gods. The apparition displayed the usual emblems of Viṣṇu: the quoit, the conch, the lotus and the Nandaka sword. Reports of this strange phenomenon were brought to Revatī, but she evinced no curiosity, and said, "There are, indeed, nine Viṣṇus or Vāsudevas known as Ardhacakravartins in Jaina lore, but they are no longer in existence; the one must, therefore, be a magician come to delude the people".

The Vidyādhara appeared next in the western quarter of the city and assumed the guise of Śiva, mounted on a gigantic bull, and accompanied by Pārvatī. The apparition was furnished with the usual equipment of Śiva: the drum, the bow, the sword, the axe, the trident and the club; and attendants such as Analodbhava, Nikumbha, Kumbhodara, Heramba and Bhīṅgiriṭi were paying homage to the deity. News of this strange incarnation of Śiva or Rudra came in due course to Revatī, but she took no notice of it and said, "There are, indeed, some Rudras mentioned in the scriptures as creating obstacles in the path of religious austerities, but they are dead and gone as a result of their actions; so this must be some one else who is disturbing the peace by his magical tricks".

The demi-god then resorted to the northern quarter, and appeared in the form of a Jaina Tirthaṅkara, seated on his throne in a marvellous audience-hall, furnished with perfumed chambers, pillars, tanks, gates, Stūpas, flags, incense, water-jars, and various other receptacles. There gods and mortals participated in magnificent festivities, and false Jainas like Bhavyasena were also celebrating religious festivals. The show, however, produced no impression on Revatī, who knew that the Jaina scriptures recognised only twenty-four Tirthaṅkaras, and the latter having attained salvation, the new impersonation must be the work of some adept in magic.

Unable to shake the faith of Revatī by any of these devices, the Vidyādhara at last revealed himself before her, and respectfully delivered Munigupta's message which she received with the utmost veneration and joy.



V) The necessity of guarding the reputation of one's religion is emphasized in the story of the thief disguised as a religious mendicant. Yaśodhvaja, the king of Pāṭaliputra, had a son named Suvīra, who, being without education and moral training, fell into evil company and became addicted to theft and adultery. One day, while on a visit to a pleasure garden, he came across a gang of thieves and gamblers, and announced a rich prize for any one of them who could steal a certain marvellous jewel from a Jaina shrine, located on the top floor of a seven-storied building belonging to the merchant Jinendrabhakta, an inhabitant of the city of Tāmalipti. One of the company, a notorious thief named Sūrya, declaring that it was an easy task for him, immediately started for the kingdom of Gauḍa to carry out his boast. On his arrival there he disguised himself as a religious mendicant, and attracted the attention of all and sundry by the rigour of his fastings and austerities. Gradually he succeeded in winning the love and confidence of Jinendrabhakta; and once when the latter was about to start on a sea-voyage, he invited the so-called ascetic to come and stay in his temple during his absence. After making some pretence of unwillingness, the dissembler accepted the offer, and soon after the departure of the merchant, he stole the jewel and slipped away at the dead of night. But the lustre of the jewel in the darkness attracted the notice of the watchmen; and, pursued by them, the thief entered the camp of the merchant in the outskirts of the city where he was halting for the night. The merchant was awakened from sleep by the shouts of the watchmen, and at once recognised his old acquaintance; but quickly realising that the accusation of theft against a Jaina ascetic would discredit the religion, he solemnly declared before the officials that he had himself given the jewel to the ascetic, a noble soul, who deserved their highest veneration and respect.

VI) The duty of strengthening the loyalty of one's fellowmen to the Jaina faith is illustrated in the story of Vāriṣeṇa, the other-worldly son of Śrenika, the king of Magadha. Once on a dark night Vāriṣeṇa was absorbed in deep meditation in a desolate cremation ground. Meanwhile, at midnight, a rogue named Mṛgavega stole a costly necklace belonging to a merchant's wife at the instance of his mistress, a courtesan named Magadhasundarī. Pursued by the police, he flung the necklace in front of Vāriṣeṇa and disappeared under cover of darkness. The police, finding the necklace lying near by, suspected Vāriṣeṇa of the theft and reported the matter to the king, who was inexorable in the dispensation of justice, and immediately ordered his son to be punished and tortured as a thief. Vāriṣeṇa calmly suffered the indignities inflicted upon him, eliciting by his fortitude the praise and admiration of the gods, and soon



after renounced the world and became an ascetic. Puspadanta, the minister's son, was his intimate friend from childhood, and Vāriṣeṇa prevailed upon him to become an ascetic like himself. Puspadanta, however, found it difficult to forget his beautiful newly married wife Sudatī in spite of his vow. Twelve years rolled by, and still her memory haunted him day and night. Vāriṣeṇa, fearing that he would one day renounce his vow and return to his wife, hit upon a stratagem, and paid a visit to his mother, the queen Celinī, accompanied by his friend. The queen received both of them cordially, and Vāriṣeṇa asked her to send for her daughters-in law. They were soon ushered to their presence, resplendent in their dress and adornment, and lovely with the fresh beauty of youth. Vāriṣeṇa then requested his mother to send for the wife of his friend Puspadanta; but during the long period of her separation from her husband, she had lost her beauty and youth, and when she appeared before them, her ugly, emaciated and worn out figure made a sad contrast to the charming ladies who were standing beside her. The sight was too much for Puspadanta to bear, and he asked for leave to depart. In this way Vāriṣeṇa confirmed his friend in the resolution to maintain his vow, and both thereafter continued their austerities together.

VII) The king of Ahicchatra in the Pañcāla country had a learned priest named Somadatta. Once the latter's wife who was expecting the birth of a child expressed a great desire to partake of ripe mangoes at a time when their season had already passed. Somadatta accordingly went in search of mangoes, accompanied by his pupils, and entered the Kālidāsa forest where they saw a large mango tree overloaded with the ripe fruit, as a result of the mystic power of the sage Sumitra who lived under the tree.

Somadatta sent some mangoes to his wife with one of his pupils, but himself remained there spellbound by the teachings of the sage, renounced all worldly aspirations, and became an ascetic. He started austerities on the Nābhigiri mountain in Magadha, and his wife in due course gave birth to a male child and came to her husband with the baby; but finding him utterly indifferent and insensible to family ties, she left the child before him on the rocks and returned home. Meanwhile, a Vidyādhara prince named Bhāskaradeva, who had been ousted from his heritage by his younger brother Purandara, fixed his camp at Balavāhanapura and came with his wife to pay homage to Somadatta, while the latter was engaged in austerities. Taking pity on the child, they adopted him as their own and named him Vajrakumāra. Bhāskaradeva then worshipped the sage and left with the child for Bhāvapura.

Vajrakumāra grew up to be a youth possessing valour and courage, attained the rank of a Vidyādhara and married his uncle's daughter Indumatī.

Once on the Himālayas he rescued Pavanavegā, the wife of a Vidyādhara prince, who was engaged in certain magic rites for attaining the power of assuming a multitude of forms, but was about to be devoured by the Mystic Force in the shape of a huge serpent. Vajrakumāra ultimately married Pavanavegā, and succeeded in restoring his adoptive father to the throne by overthrowing the usurper Purandara. Later on, he visited Somadatta, his real father, who was then practising austerities at Mathurā, renounced the world, and became an ascetic.

About this time at Mathurā there was an orphan girl who, according to a prophecy, was destined to be the chief queen of Pūtikavāhana, the lord of that city. A Buddhist monk, who was acquainted with the prophecy, carefully brought up the girl in a monastery, and she was called in jest Buddhadāsī, 'Buddha's maidservant'. She grew up to be a beautiful young lady, and soon attracted the notice of the king of Mathurā, who won her hand by agreeing to make her his chief queen.

Aurvilā, the first queen of Pūtikavāhana, was in the habit of sending out a ceremonial chariot in honour of the Jaina Saviour on the occasion of the Eight Day's Festival at Mathurā, but the new queen, owing to her Buddhist affinities, used her influence with the king and sought to stop the practice and establish a new festival in honour of the Buddha. Alarmed at the machinations of her co-wife, Aurvilā approached the sage Somadatta and appealed to him to ensure the continuity of the festival of the chariot. Somadatta instructed his son and disciple Vajrakumāra to do the needful.

Vajrakumāra who had attained the supernatural powers of a Vidyādhara went up to the city of the Vidyādharas, and began to descend from the sky with a huge concourse of Vidyādharas, carrying flags and banners, gates, pillars and canopies, mirrors, white parasols and gold jars, and diverse materials of worship. Ladies were singing to the accompaniment of various musical instruments; there was merry-making by dwarfs, hunchbacks, dancers, bards and panegyrists; and charming maidens were carrying lights, censers, perfume and flowers. Decorated cars, chariots, horses and elephants formed part of the company. While the citizens of Mathurā thought that a multitude of gods was coming to take part in the worship of the Buddha, organised by the Buddhist woman, Vajrakumāra with the Vidyādharas took up his residence in the house of Aurvilā, and for eight days caused her chariot to go round the city. Then he erected there a Stūpa marked with the image of the Arhat, and the shrine has ever since been known as "Built by the gods". In this way the designs of the Buddhist woman were foiled and the glorification of the Jaina faith assured through the timely intervention of Vajrakumāra.

VIII) The next story is designed to illustrate the value of sympathy for one's co-religionists, and interesting as a Jaina version of the story of Bali and the Dwarf Incarnation of Viṣṇu. Jayavarman, the king of the city of Viśala in Avanti, had four ministers headed by Bali, all of whom were heretics. They were Śukra, a Buddhist; Brhaspati, a materialist; Prahlādaka, a Śaiva; and their elder brother Bali who was an expert in Vedic lore. Once the Jaina ascetic Akampana, while on a visit to the city, encamped in the public park, and the streets were crowded with citizens going to pay homage to the sage. Seeing this, the king, too, expressed his desire to visit and pay his respects to the sage, but the ministers sought to dissuade him by glorifying their respective faiths. Bali, for instance, extolled the Veda and the Vedic religion, while Prahlādaka emphasized the glory of Śiva and the Śaiva scriptures. Disgusted with the attitude of the ministers, the king mounted on an elephant and betook himself to the camp of the sage. Thereafter offering his salutations, he entered into conversation with the Sūri on religious topics such as the nature of heaven and salvation. Bali who had accompanied the king intervened with the remark that heaven was nothing but the mutual love of a maiden of twelve and a youth of sixteen, and there was no other heaven invisible to the human eye. The sage asked Bali if direct perception was the only proof admitted by him. On his replying in the affirmative, the sage asked him how in that case he would prove the occurrence of the marriage of his own parents or the existence of his forefathers. Bali was very much annoyed at this, and unable to hit upon a plausible reply, he abused the sage in indecent and insulting terms. The king did not say anything then and there for the sake of decency; but returning home, he banished Bali and his brothers from his kingdom on the pretext of some other offence.

Bali with his brothers took refuge in the country of Kurujāṅgala, and he became the chief minister of king Padma of Hastināgapura. There he won the gratitude of the king by vanquishing the latter's enemy Śimhākīrti who had invaded the city. Bali then obtained the king's permission to set out on an expedition of conquest. Meanwhile, the sage Akampana, accompanied by a huge concourse of monks, had in the course of his wanderings arrived in the vicinity of Hastināgapura, and taken up residence for the rainy season in a large cave of the Hemagiri mountain. Bali, on his return from the expedition, came to know of the whereabouts of his old opponent and decided on revenge. By virtue of a boon conferred upon him by king Padma as a mark of gratitude for the overthrow of Śimhākīrti, Bali obtained from the prince the entire sovereignty of the kingdom for

a certain number of days, during which the king's authority was to be limited to his inner apartments. Bali then began the performance of an Agnihotra sacrifice with intoxicating substances near the camp of Akampana Sūri, with a view to causing annoyance and disturbance to the sage and his followers.

Meanwhile, in the city of Mithilā, a Jaina monk named Bhṛāṣṇu, going out at night, inferred from an observation of the stars that somewhere ascetics were being subjected to maltreatment and oppression. Thereupon the head of the monastery with his supernatural knowledge ascertained the mischief being done by Bali, and asked a devotee named Puṣpakadeva, capable of travelling through the air, to go and request on his behalf the powerful sage Viṣṇu to counteract the evil. The latter, on receipt of the message, immediately proceeded to Hastināpura and appealed to king Padma to give the necessary protection to the oppressed monks, but the king pointed out that Bali, and not he, was reigning at the moment.

The sage Viṣṇu then decided on a crafty manoeuvre. Assuming the form of a dwarf, he went to the place where Bali was performing his sacrifice, and began to recite verses of the Veda in a melodious tone. Attracted by his sonorous voice, Bali came out of the sacrificial pavilion and asked him what he desired. The dwarf replied that, having been robbed of his home by his relatives, he wanted only a slice of land measuring three steps, and on hearing this, Bali at once granted his desire. The sage then discarded the guise of a dwarf and began to extend his frame upwards and downwards and athwart, without any limit. He fixed one step on the foundation of the ocean and another in the sky; and not finding room for a third, placed it on Bali and sent him down to the nether regions.

IX) The evil consequences of drinking are illustrated in the following story. A wandering religious mendicant named Ekapād, arriving at the Vindhya forest from the town of Ekacakra on his way to the Ganges, fell in with a crowd of Cāṇḍālas, who were indulging in bouts of drinking and partaking of meat in the company of youthful intoxicated women. The Cāṇḍālas detained the mendicant, and declared that he must, on the pain of death, either drink wine or take meat or become intimate with a woman. The mendicant reflected that the eating of flesh was strictly prohibited in the Law-books, and so was union with a Cāṇḍāla woman, but wine was drunk in the Vedic sacrifice Sautrāmaṇi, and the ingredients of wine such as flour, water and molasses were quite pure. Thus thinking, he preferred to take wine, but under the influence of drink he joined in the merrymaking of the women; and feeling hungry, partook of meat, and soon passion compelled him to desire the company of one of the Cāṇḍāla women.

X) The next story illustrates the advantage of abstention from wine. In the city of Valabhi, a gang of five notorious thieves went out one night during heavy rain, and stole a large quantity of treasure. They, however, fell out while dividing the booty, but soon ceased to quarrel and indulged in drinking bouts. But drink made them quarrel again, and a free fight ensued, resulting in the death of all of them except Dhūrtila. The latter was in the habit of taking a vow of abstention for one day whenever he happened to meet a pious ascetic, and that day he had taken a vow to abstain from wine. Dhūrtila then felt disgusted with the world and shaved his head and became a monk.

XI) The following story is meant to show that even the desire to eat flesh is a sin. Saurasena, the king of the city of Kākandī, had taken a vow of abstention from flesh-eating, but gradually under the influence of the Brahminical faith he became greedy of meat, and secretly employed his cook Karmapriya to procure the flesh of all kinds of animals for his table. Preoccupation with his public duties did not, however, leave him sufficient leisure to satisfy his desire fully.

One day the cook Karmapriya, while in quest of game, died from snake-bite, and after death he became a huge whale in the ocean. The king, on his death, was reborn as a small fish living in the cavity of the whale's ear. The fish noticed that while the whale slept, opening his mouth, large numbers of aquatic animals used to enter the cavity of his throat and go out again. The fish pitied the whale for not being able to devour any of these animals, and said to himself that had he been as big as the whale he would have emptied the ocean of its animals. In the course of time the fish and the whale both died, and were reborn as denizens of hell with the power of remembering their past lives. While in hell the former whale said to the fish: "It was but natural that I should have come here as a result of my sins. But how came you who merely lived upon the filth of my ear?" The fish replied: "On account of my evil thought, more harmful than even the depredations of a whale!"

XII) The next story illustrates the merit of abstention from flesh. There was a Cāṇḍāla named Cāṇḍa in the town of Ekānaśi in Avanti. One day in the outskirts of the town he put a jar of wine on one side and a plate of meat on the other, and standing in the middle, partook of both in quick succession, while he whirled round a leather thong and struck down birds flying over him. As a result, snake-poison attaching to the beaks of the birds dripped on to the wine, and contaminated the beverage.

Meanwhile two sages possessing the power of travelling through the air descended from the sky to give religious instruction to the people, and the Cāṇḍāla approached and entreated them to assign a suitable vow to him. Thereupon one of the sages asked him to fix a rope in the intervening space between the plate of meat and the jar of wine, and said that the momentary abstention from either that would be caused in going from one extremity to the other would constitute a sufficient vow of abstention for him. The Cāṇḍāla acted accordingly, and after helping himself to the meat, said that he would abstain from it until his return from the other end. He then went towards the wine-jar, drank the wine and died from the effects of poisoning. As a result of the merit accruing even from the momentary abstention from meat, the Cāṇḍāla was reborn as the chief of the Yakṣas in the world of these spirits.

XIII) The following story illustrates the consequences of malevolence: There was a fisherman named Mṛgasena in Śiṛiṣagrāma in Avanti. One day he entreated a famous sage to assign a religious vow to him, and he was accordingly advised to refrain from killing his first catch on that particular day. The fisherman cast his net and soon caught a huge fish, but remembering the vow assigned to him, let the fish go after attaching to it a strip of cloth for the purpose of recognition. It so happened that he caught the same fish five times in the course of the day, but on each occasion let it go without any harm. His wife Ghaṇṭā was furious to see him return home empty-handed in the evening, and as she shut the door against him, he had to pass the night outside, resting his head on the trunk of a tree. Mṛgasena was bitten by a snake during the night and found dead in the morning. The wife who was now overwhelmed with grief committed suicide by entering the flames on the funeral pyre.

The story now goes on to narrate the rebirth of Mṛgasena. Viśvambhara was the reigning king of Viśālā where lived the merchant Guṇapāla, his wife Dhanaśrī and daughter Subandhu. As ill-luck would have it, the king asked the merchant to give his beautiful and accomplished daughter in marriage to the son of the court jester. Afraid of the disgrace resulting from such a marriage as well as the wrath of the king in case of refusal, Guṇapāla fled with his daughter to Kauśāmbī, leaving his wife, who was with child, in the house of his friend Śrīdatta, a wealthy merchant. The sages Śivagupta and Munigupta happened to see Dhanaśrī in the house of Śrīdatta; and Munigupta having pitied the condition of Dhanaśrī, who was pale and weak and dejected, the other declared that in spite of her present troubles, she would become the mother of a son destined to be a



merchant prince and the son-in-law of king Viśvambhara. The merchant Śrīdatta overheard the conversation of the two sages, and, burning with envy, he devised a nefarious plan. No sooner had the child been born than he spread a report that Dhanaśrī had given birth to a dead child. At the same time he secretly summoned a Cāṇḍāla and handed the child to him to be put to death.

The Cāṇḍāla was moved to pity by the beauty of the child, and instead of killing, he left him in a secluded place and went home. The merchant Indradatta, who was the brother-in-law of Śrīdatta, came to know about the child from some cow-boys; and as he was childless, he came to the spot and gave the child to his wife Rādhā to be adopted as their son. Then he celebrated great festivities as if a child had been born unto them.

Śrīdatta heard of the turn things had taken, and devised another plan to kill the child. He went to Indradatta and persuaded him to give him the custody of the child, 'his blessed nephew', whom he would bring up in his own house. Śrīdatta then made over the child to another Cāṇḍāla to be put to death.

The Cāṇḍāla, instead of killing the child, left him in a wood on the bank of a river, and there he was guarded by the cows grazing on the spot. In the evening the cowherds came, and, finding the child, reported the fact to the head of the settlement Govinda, who gave him to his wife and adopted him as his own son. The child grew up to be a handsome youth and was named Dhanakīrti.

One day Śrīdatta happened to come to the place in the course of his commercial transactions, and saw Dhanakīrti in the house of Govinda. He understood everything when he heard the story of the youth, and told Govinda that he had an urgent message to send to his son at home, and requested that Dhanakīrti might be sent as a messenger. Govinda agreed, and Dhanakīrti set out on his journey with Śrīdatta's letter, in which the merchant asked his son Mahābala to kill the youth immediately on his arrival. Dhanakīrti took rest on his way under a mango tree and fell fast asleep. A courtesan named Anaṅgasenā, who was gathering flowers nearby, happened to see the youth and approached him while he was asleep, and seeing a letter suspended from his neck, took it and read it through. Cursing the merchant she substituted for it another letter addressed to his wife and son, in which he was represented as enjoining them to give his daughter Śrīmātī in marriage to Dhanakīrti. The latter woke up after the courtesan's departure; and on arrival at the merchant's house, he delivered the letter to Mahābala and his mother, and was duly married to Śrīmātī.



The strange news reached Śrīdatta who at once returned home and hatched another plot. He posted a hired assassin and a wicked priestess in a desolate shrine of the goddess Durgā in the outskirts of the city, and asked Dhanakīrti to go there at nightfall with some offerings for the idol. Dhanakīrti consented, but Śrīdatta's son Mahābala, seeing him going out alone in the dark, dissuaded him from the visit, as he was a stranger to the place, and offered to go to the shrine himself with the offerings. Dhanakīrti accordingly stayed at home, and Mahābala went and met with death at the assassin's hands in the shrine of Durgā.

Overwhelmed with grief at the death of his son, Śrīdatta communicated the whole story of his conspiracy to his wife, and asked for help to get rid of the unwelcome guest. She promised co-operation, and, taking a number of sweetmeat balls, black and white, mixed the latter with poison, and asked her daughter Śrīmātī to give them to her husband to eat, while the black ones were to be given to her father. She then went away to the river for a bath. Śrīmātī served the sweetmeat balls in her mother's absence, but by mistake gave the poisoned ones to her father, whose death was instantaneous, and followed by that of her mother, who in her grief committed suicide by swallowing some of the poisoned sweets.

Sometime after the death of Śrīdatta and his wife, Dhanakīrti who continued to prosper was one day seen by king Viśvambhara. The latter was struck with the beauty of the young merchant, and decided to give his daughter in marriage to him, thus fulfilling the prophecy made about Dhanakīrti even before his birth. His father Guṇapāla, hearing reports of his continued luck and prosperity, now came from Kauśāmbī and met his wonderful son. The courtesan Anaṅgasenā also came to see him.

One day the merchant Guṇapāla, accompanied by Dhanakīrti and his family and Anaṅgasenā and Śrīmātī, paid a visit to the sage Yaśodhvaṇa, and, after obeisance, entreated him to explain the mystery of Dhanakīrti's providential escapes from death and the continued success of his glorious career. The sage pointed out that Dhanakīrti was in his previous birth the fisherman Mṛgasena, and he was now enjoying the fruits of the vow of non-violence which the latter had taken for a day. The courtesan Anaṅgasenā was the fish whose life had been spared by Mṛgasena on the day of his vow, while Śrīmātī was no other than Ghaṇṭā, the wife of Mṛgasena, who had entered the flames after her husband's death. Having heard the story of their previous births, Dhanakīrti, Anaṅgasenā and Śrīmātī, all three, took the vow of renunciation and became ascetics under the Jaina system of discipline, and attained a blessed state after death.

XIV) The following story illustrates the consequences of theft or rather breach of trust. Simhasena was the king of Simhapura in the land of Prayaga, and Rāmadattā was his chief queen. The learned Śrībhūti who had a great reputation for speaking the truth was his priest, and Śrīdattā was the latter's devoted wife. A young merchant named Bhadramitra, on the eve of a voyage to Suvamadvīpa with other merchants, had left seven priceless jewels in the custody of Śrībhūti. Unfortunately, on the return voyage, Bhadramitra suffered shipwreck, but succeeded in reaching the shore by clinging to a floating plank. Having lost his friends and wealth, he was reduced to sore straits, and, arriving destitute at Simhapura, went to Śrībhūti and asked for the jewels entrusted to him. But the latter pretended not to recognise him and denied having received any jewels at all. When Bhadramitra persisted in demanding the jewels, Śrībhūti had him dragged to the king's presence, and, accusing him of calumny and defamation, had him repudiated by the king.

Not discouraged in the least, Bhadramitra climbed every night a tamarind tree which stood near the queen's palace, and regularly at dusk and dawn he kept shouting from the top of the tree that Śrībhūti refused to return his jewels, and if the accusation turned out to be false, he (Bhadramitra) might be tortured to death. One evening the queen Rāmadattā, while she was watching the celebration of the Kaumudi festival by the women of the city, heard the plaint of Bhadramitra and devised a plan to test the truth of the charge against Śrībhūti. She invited the latter to a game of dice with her; and, under her instructions, a maidservant went to his wife, and won her confidence by producing certain articles belonging to her husband, which he had lost in the game, and obtained from her the jewels on the pretext that he had sent for them. The ruse succeeded perfectly well and the jewels were immediately taken to the king.

The king mixed up the jewels with those in his treasury and sent for Bhadramitra, and when the latter arrived, he was asked to single out the ones belonging to him. Bhadramitra had no difficulty in finding them, and the king was at once convinced of the guilt of Śrībhūti, and lavishly praised and rewarded the young man for speaking the truth. The king then sent for Śrībhūti, and, after severely reprimanding him for his treachery, ordered that, by way of punishment, he must either swallow a certain quantity of cow-dung or submit to be roughly handled by a number of stalwart wrestlers; otherwise he would have all his property confiscated. Śrībhūti calmly accepted the latter alternative, and was turned out of the city, mounted on an old donkey and wearing a garland of potsherds. As a result of his sins, he was attacked

with leprosy, and put an end to his life by entering the flames. He was reborn as a serpent, and after causing the death of many creatures, expired and became a denizen of hell.

XV) The following story illustrates the disastrous consequences of falsehood: Ayodhana was the king of Hastināgapura and his queen was Atithi. Sulasā was their daughter, and she had been betrothed by her mother to Prince Madhupīṅgala of Paudanapura even before her birth. The king, however, decided to hold a Svayamvara for her to choose a husband, and issued invitations to a number of princes including Madhupīṅgala and Sagara. The latter was the lord of Ayodhyā and sent a highly cultured nurse named Mandodari and the priest Viśvabhūti to win over Sulasā before the Svayamvara took place. They came to Hastināgapura, and Mandodari managed to become a teacher of the harem, and influenced Sulasā in favour of Sagara. The priest, on the other hand, ingratiated himself with the king and the queen, and created in their minds a dislike for Madhupīṅgala. When the Svayamvara took place and the suitors came, Sulasā under the influence of Mandodari chose Sagara and not Madhupīṅgala as her husband.

Madhupīṅgala in his grief became an ascetic, and arriving at Ayodhyā in the course of his wanderings, happened to take rest at the gateway of Sagara's palace. The priest Viśvabhūti was at the time giving lessons in prognostics to his disciple Śivabhūti, who observed the mendicant and expressed surprise at the contrast between his physical characteristics and his wretched condition, and spoke disparagingly of the science they were studying. Viśvabhūti, however, explained to his pupil the story of Madhupīṅgala and how he had become an ascetic owing to his failure to win the hand of Sulasā who had preferred Sagara. Madhupīṅgala felt grievously insulted at these remarks of his old enemy, and when, after death, he was reborn as the demon Kālāsura, he vowed vengeance against Viśvabhūti as well as Sagara, and waited for a suitable opportunity to carry out his designs.

Viśvāvasu was the king of the city of Svastimati and Vasu was his son. The learned Kṣīrakadamba was the priest of the king and Parvata was his son. One day the priest was expounding the ethical principles of the scriptures to his disciples Vasu, Parvata, and Nārada, who was the son of the priest of another king. Two sages Anantagati and Amitagati happened to see them, and while the former expressed his admiration for the teacher and his disciples, the latter remarked that two of them were likely to reverse in practice the teachings of the sacred texts. The priest heard these remarks and interpreted them to mean that two of the group

would go to hell and the two others to heaven. He thought it most unlikely that he, a pious man, would go to hell, while he was certain that Vasu would, for that was where princely power led to. He was not sure about the fate of Nārada and Parvata; so with a view to testing their virtue and intelligence, he created by magic two lambs and gave one to each of them, with instructions to kill the animals and eat the flesh at a place where no one could see him. Parvata took his lamb to a secluded enclosure behind the house of his father, killed it and roasted and partook of the flesh. Nārada, on the other hand, pondered over the injunction about a place where no one could see him; and concluding that there could be no place, whether in a town or in a forest, where one could be beyond the range of one's own eyes or the eyes of the gods or the omniscient minds of the great sages, he refrained from killing his lamb and returned it to his teacher.

After this incident, the priest Kṣīrakadamba renounced the world and became an ascetic, and died by fasting. After his death Nārada came on a visit to Parvata, his old friend and companion. One day Parvata was expounding the text *ajair yaṣṭavyam* to some pupils, and interpreted the word '*aja*' as 'goat,' so that the text would mean 'Sacrifices should be made with the flesh of goats'. Nārada intervened and pointed out that their departed teacher had interpreted the word to mean 'grains three years old', and that was the correct explanation. Parvata disputed the truth and accuracy of this statement, and both agreed that they should request prince Vasu to act as umpire, and accept his ruling as final.

Nārada and Parvata then went to Vasu who received them cordially and undertook to give his decision on the morrow. Meanwhile, the widow of the priest Kṣīrakadamba, who was aware that he had interpreted the word in the sense mentioned by Nārada, betook herself to Vasu; and in her anxiety to save her son from disgrace, reminded the prince of a certain boon that he had promised to her, and demanded that he should now fulfil his promise, by bearing testimony to the truth of the interpretation put forward by Parvata. Vasu knew that Parvata's statement was wrong, and that he would go to hell if he supported him, but he was bound by his promise to Parvata's mother and decided to abide by his pledged word. Next morning Vasu came to his court and occupied his famous crystal throne; and on an appeal by Nārada to speak the truth, declared that Parvata's interpretation was the right one. Disaster followed this false declaration, for amid the lamentation of the citizens Vasu, as he was seated on his throne, went down to hell. Even now, at the time of the first oblation of the day, people say "Rise up, Vasu; ascend to heaven."

Nārada was deeply aggrieved at the turn events had taken, and, feeling disgusted with the world, became an ascetic and devoted himself to meditation. The citizens in their fury rushed upon Parvata, to whom they

attributed the downfall of their king, and, after pelting him with stones, and mercilessly whipping him, drove him out of the city, half-dead, mounted on a donkey, and compelled to wear a wreath of potsherds round his neck. Parvata took refuge in a dense forest, and there on the bank of a stream he was seen by Kālāsura, who approached him and won his confidence by representing himself to be his father's friend Śāṇḍilya. Parvata told him his story, how after the death of his father he had been addicted to drink, meat and courtesans, and gave a wrong interpretation of the text *ajair yaṣṭavyam* knowing it to be false, down to his dispute with Nārada and its unhappy sequel.

Kālāsura consoled Parvata and asked him to take heart and join him in a new venture. He persuaded Parvata to insert in the Vedic texts injunctions sanctioning various sacrifices involving slaughter of animals, use of wine, and moral laxity and perversion. He then came to Ayodhyā, and in the outskirts of the city assumed the form of the god Brahman, and commenced a vast sacrifice at which Parvata acted as the Adhvaryu or officiating priest. Magic forms of sages like Piṅgala, Manu, Mataṅga, Marīci and Gautama recited Vedic *mantras*, while Parvata propounded the doctrine that the animals were created for sacrifices, and killing at sacrifices was not tantamount to killing, since sacrifices contributed to the good of all. Goats, birds, elephants, horses and other animals were accordingly killed at the sacrifice and their flesh offered as oblations in the fire. Kālāsura by his magic showed the slain animals as going about in heaven in aerial cars, and the phantom sages proclaimed the glory of the phenomenon.

The exploits of Kālāsura created a sensation among the people and attracted the notice of Sagara and Viśvabhūti, who were also induced by him to sacrifice animals and partake of their flesh. Kālāsura then reminded them of the wrong they had done him during his previous birth, and murdered both by throwing them into the sacrificial fire amidst the oblations. Parvata continued to kill numerous animals for sacrificial purposes, but Kālāsura disappeared soon after. Helpless and miserable without his friend, Parvata suffered and died and went to hell.

XVI) The story of Kāḍarapīṅga and Padmā is meant to illustrate the consequences of illicit passion. Dharṣaṇa was the king of Benares and Ugrasena was his minister. Puṣya was the king's priest, and he had a beautiful young wife named Padmā. Kāḍarapīṅga, the son of the minister, was a misguided and dissolute youth, who one day saw Padmā, while walking in the streets with his boon-companions, and was at once enamoured of her. There was an old nurse named Taḍillatā, and she was persistently implored by the young man to help him to fulfil his heart's desire. The nurse thought it advisable to consult Ugrasena about his son's request, but the minister who was in his dotage openly encouraged her in the evil project.

The nurse visited Padmā's house, delighted her with her conversation, and became very intimate with the young woman. One day after some preliminary remarks on free love, she described to her the young man's ardent love for her and the suffering caused by his passion. Padmā pretended to agree to the bawd's proposal, and the chances of the minister's son looked bright indeed.

Meanwhile, the minister Ugrasena who favoured the criminal intentions of his son devised a scheme to ensure the absence of Padmā's husband from the city, on a prolonged mission. He told the king that, in a cave near the Ratnasikhanda peak of the Himalayas, there was a marvellous bird called Kimjalpa, variegated in colour, and capable of talking like a man, the possession of which had a magic effect on the fortunes of the lucky owner. He further suggested that he and the priest Puṣya who knew the place might be sent in quest of the bird. The king dissuaded the minister from going owing to his great age, and ordered that the priest should undertake the journey alone.

While Puṣya was preparing to start, Padmā explained to him the real motive behind the proposed expedition, and asked him to make a show of departure and return secretly at night and remain concealed at home. He followed the instructions of his wife; and one night, according to a pre-arranged plan, the bawd brought over the minister's son to Padmā's house and introduced the young man to her. She asked both of them to seat themselves on a sofa, cunningly placed over a deep pit; and as soon as they sat down, they fell headlong to the bottom of the pit, and there they remained imprisoned, living on the remains of boiled rice left over by the household.

After some time, Padmā made it known that her husband would arrive in a few days with the Kimjalpa bird and the female spirit, its mother. She then caused the young man and the bawd to be put in a cage, after their bodies had been painted with various colours and decked with the feathers of diverse kinds of birds. The cage was then removed to a wood near the city and left in charge of Puṣya, who was dressed in travelling attire, as if he had returned from a journey. Padmā, meanwhile, dressed herself in a manner becoming a woman whose husband was abroad, and set out to receive Puṣya in company with her girl friends, who were all talking about the 'exploit' of her husband. On the following day Puṣya accompanied by his wife, proceeded to the royal palace with the precious load and asked the king to behold the Kimjalpa and the mother bird. The king scrutinized the pair, and saying that he could see only Kaḍārapīṅga and the bawd Taḍillatā in the cage, demanded an explanation of the mystery. Padmā then recounted the whole story, and the king praised and honoured her with rich presents, and sent her home in a chariot drawn by Brāhmaṇas, expert in Vedic lore. As for Kaḍārapīṅga and



his father Ugrasena, their shameful intrigue was proclaimed before the people, and they were banished from the city. The young profligate, after long suffering the consequences of his sin, died and went to hell.

XVII) The following story is meant to illustrate the sin of unlawful possession. In the city of Kāmpilya in the Pāñcāla country there was a merchant named Sāgaradatta who was, in spite of his wealth, a notorious miser, and went to ridiculous lengths in effecting economies and avoiding expenditure. The king of the place, whose name was Ratnaprabha, desiring to build a pavilion for witnessing elephant-races, selected for the purpose the site of a ruined palace belonging to a former king, and ordered the debris to be cleared. The bricks of the delapidated palace were of gold, but as they had lost their lustre, the king took them for ordinary bricks and employed workmen to heap them together in another place for erecting a temple. The workmen while carrying the bricks happened to drop one of them on the roadside, and the miser, finding it there, took it home and put it at the place where he used to wash his feet. The dirt having been removed by the daily friction of his feet, the brick regained its original colour, and the miser, seeing that the bricks were of gold, bribed the workmen and acquired as many of the bricks as he could.

One day the miser had to go to the city of Kākandī where his sister's son had died, but at the time of his departure he gave instructions to his son Sudatta to collect the bricks in his absence in the same fashion as he had done. Sudatta was, however, above such meanness; and when his father, on his return, asked him how many of the bricks he had managed to acquire, he replied that he had done nothing of the kind.

The miser was shocked to hear this, and condemning his own feet which had taken him to the hated town of Kākandī, he mercilessly pounded them with a slab of stone. The king, who had come to know about these happenings, had the bricks scraped by artisans; and convinced that they were of gold, he ordered the confiscation of the miser's property and banished him from the city. Sudatta was, on the other hand, provided with capital to carry on his business, and his ancestral home was returned to him as a reward for his honesty. The miser, who was known as Pinyākagandha, 'one who smells of oil-cakes,' suffered on account of his sins and went to hell after his death.

Apart from the stories outlined above, there are allusions to certain popular tales in Book IV. The story of Kāñcanikā is cited to illustrate the inscrutable nature of women: she is said to have killed her husband, son and paramour, and then immolated herself on the funeral pyre of her husband<sup>1</sup>. The story of the merchant's wife and Mūladeva, and that of

1 इहैव वात्स्यायनगोत्रजस्य पुत्री क्षुणोः काञ्चनिकेति नाम्नी । पतिं च पुत्रं च विदं च हत्वा स्वर्गां दुःसार्थं दहनं निवेष्ट ॥



Upādhyāyikā, although they are folktales, are mentioned by Somadeva along with wellknown mythological stories, and will be found in Chap. XVII. The following 'ancient tradition' cited in Book IV forms part of a popular tale related in the commentary:

वदन्ते च मही जनाः श्रीविश्वार्थं च हरिणम् । सा मां जयति शिखोदा कः जीर्णं वस्तुनो मरः ॥

The story, as given by Śrutasaṅgāra, is as follows. The daughter of the king of Pāṭaliputra was married by the son of another king, but soon after the marriage the father of the girl fell ill, and the sacrifice of the daughter was recommended by a Tantric teacher as the only means of the king's recovery. Hearing this, the husband of the girl fled with her to a forest where she was bitten by a serpent. The prince was about to commit suicide from grief, but the sylvan deities interfered and told him that his bride would revive if he gave her half of his life-span. He agreed and the bride at once came to life, and they both continued their journey and reached a town. There the prince fell asleep in a hospice, and meanwhile a fellow named Devakesin enticed the girl away. When the husband woke up, he saw her entering the town with the man, and a quarrel ensued over the possession of the girl, who, however, claimed the stranger as her husband. Thereupon the prince demanded back the portion of the life-span which he had given her, and the wicked woman at once dropped dead. The bystanders having asked for an explanation of these strange happenings, the prince uttered the verse quoted above: 'She for whom I had renounced the earth and given away half my life left me without pity. Who can ever be dear to women?'<sup>1</sup>

As we have already stated, several of the stories summarized above are met with in earlier works. The eight stories in Book VI meant to illustrate the different aspects of Samyaktva are, for instance, stock illustrations, and briefly referred to in Samantabhadra's *Ratnakaraṇḍakaśrāvakaṭṭhāra* 1. 19, 20,<sup>2</sup> the stories being summarized in Prabhācandra's commentary on the work. They were thus wellknown in Samantabhadra's time, and that they are much earlier than Samantabhadra<sup>3</sup> seems also certain. Kundakunda, who lived about the first century A. D., mentions, for instance, Bhavyasena, one of the principal characters of the fourth story of our collection, in *Bhāvaprābhīṭa* (verse 52), the typical instance of a man who failed to become a true monk despite his knowledge of all branches of the Scriptures.<sup>4</sup>

1 For another version of the story see *Pañcatantra*, Book IV.

2 सावजनवीरोऽने ततोऽन्तमतिः स्मृता । उदावनस्तुदीयेऽपि पुरीये देवरी मता ॥ ततो जिनेन्द्रमकोऽन्यो वारिणेस्ततः परः । विष्णुश्च वज्रनामा च देवयोर्लक्ष्यतां मताः ॥

3 Samantabhadra is believed to be earlier than the fifth century A. D. See Pt. Yugal-kisore's Introduction (in Hindi) to *Ratna-karaṇḍaka-śrāvakaṭṭhāra*, p. 142.

4 अंगारं दस च पुणिं च चन्द्रसुन्दारं सबन्धुवर्णम् । पटिभो अ मज्जसेणो न आवसवमरुणं वतो ॥

As regards the other stories, there is no doubt that the story of Sagara and Madhupīṅgala with the intermediate one of Vasu, Parvata and Nārada is a very old one. The case of Madhupīṅgala is referred to by Kundakunda in *Bhāvaprābhīta* (verse 45).<sup>1</sup> The entire story including the episode of Vasu is narrated in detail in *Vasudevahindī*, a comprehensive Prakrit prose romance earlier than the seventh century,<sup>2</sup> to illustrate the origin of what is politely called the 'non-Aryan' Vedas.<sup>3</sup> The episode of Vasu is as old as the Mahābhārata and appears to be the oldest portion of the legend. It seems to have been incorporated in the Jaina story owing to the lesson of *ahimsā* conveyed by it, and provides another instance of Jaina adaptation of Brahmanical stories. The original story as related in the Mahābhārata (Śāntiparva, chap. 335 ff.) is as follows.

"Vasu was a great king of the Satya Age, also known as Uparicara, a disciple of Brhaspati and an ardent devotee of Viṣṇu, who worshipped the deity according to the tenets of the Sātvata or Pañcarātra system. An *asvamedha* performed by him was remarkable for the fact that no animals were killed in the sacrifice, the oblations being made with the produce of the forest. Once while travelling through the sky, he was asked to act as umpire in a debate, which took place between the gods and the sages about the interpretation of the word *aja* in the statement that sacrifices should be performed with *ajas*. The gods maintained that the word meant 'goats', while according to the sages, it meant 'grains of corn'. Vasu out of partiality for the gods, gave the decision in favour of the latter, whereupon the sages cursed and condemned him to a life in the nether regions. While living under the earth, Vasu was nourished by a stream of clarified butter poured for him by the priests as an oblation in sacrifices, which gave it the name of *vasordhārū* 'the stream of Vasu'. Advised by the gods, Vasu continued to worship Viṣṇu even in the nether regions, and favoured by him, he regained his freedom and ascended to Brahmaloka." The story of Vasu is also referred to in the Anuśāsanaparva 6. 34, where it is stated that he went to hell for speaking even a single falsehood. A variation of the story occurs in *Matsyapurāṇa*, chap. 143, where the lesson drawn is not so much the danger of falsehood as that of rash judgment in religious matters.

Jinasena I narrates in his *Harivaṃśapurāṇa* written in 783 A. D. several stories mentioned above: the story of Vasu, Nārada and Parvata in 17. 38 ff. and that of Sagara and Madhupīṅgala in 23. 45 ff., the story of the sage Viṣṇu and Bali in 20. 1 ff. and that of the priest Śrībhūti and his punishment in 27. 20 ff. Some of these stories are found in the Brhat-Kathakośa of Hariṣeṇa written in 981-82 A. D.

1 मद्रूपिणो नाम कुण्डो देवाहारादिचत्तवागतो । सवगसर्गं न एतौ निबानमिसेन मविदधुः ॥

2 *Annals of the B. O. R. I.*, Vol. XVI, p. 32.

3 Book V (सोनसिंहचंनो).

A variation of the story of Vajrakumāra occurs in Hemacandra's *Parīṣṭaparva* (Canto XII), which, though later than Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*, used old materials. Here, too, Vajra appears in the role of defender of the Jaina faith against the Buddhist community, although the place and circumstances are different. Somadeva's account is doubtless of greater importance as being connected with a wellknown historical monument, the Jaina Stūpa of Mathurā. It will be interesting to compare it with the version recorded by Hemacandra.

"The king (of Pūrī) was a Buddhist, and so were part of the inhabitants, while the majority of them were Jainas. As the two rival sects were continually competing with each other, the Jainas, being richer than their rivals, bought up all flowers so that the Buddhists could get none to offer in their temples. But the Buddhists induced the king to issue a strict order that no flowers should be sold to the Jainas. In this calamity the latter entreated Vajra to help them; for the Paryuṣaṇāparvan was drawing near, when the laity used to worship the images of the Arhats with flowers.

Promising his aid, Vajra went through the air to the town of Maheśvara, and entering the park of Hutāśana he met the gardener Tādīt who was a friend of his. Feeling greatly honoured by Vajra's visit, the gardener inquired with what he could serve him, and being told that flowers were wanted, he promised twenty lakhs of flowers. Vajra ordered him to have them ready against his return, and then flew through the air to the Himālaya, and thence to the Padmahrada, the residence of Śrīdevī. There he met the goddess who held in her hand a lotus to worship the gods with, but she gladly gave it to Vajra when he asked for it.

Returning to Hutāśana's park he produced by magic a divine car, in which he placed the lotus given by Śrī and round it the twenty lakhs of flowers brought together by his friend Tādīt. Accompanied by the Jṛmbhaka gods in their cars, whom he had called up to attend him on his journey through the air, he travelled towards Pūrī. When he and his train were just above the town, the Buddhists believed that the gods descended from heaven to worship the Buddha images. But great was their disappointment when the celestial train landed in a Jaina temple. Never has Paryuṣaṇāparvan been celebrated with such splendour as then at Pūrī. The miracles just related induced the king and his subjects to embrace the Jaina faith."<sup>1</sup>

The last but one story of the series, that of Padmā, is a tale of the trapping of a libertine by a chaste woman, and resembles the story of Vararuci's wife Upakośā and the plight of her lovers, recorded in *Kathāsaritṣāgara*, Canto IV. As we have seen, the story, as related by Somadeva, is in the form of dramatic dialogues linked by narrative passages, and might easily be converted into a little play.<sup>2</sup>

1 Jacobi: *Parīṣṭaparva*, p. xvi.

2 See chap. IV.

## CHAPTER XVII

### MYTHS AND LEGENDS

#### JAINA LEGENDS OF MATHURĀ

Of the several legends recorded by Somadeva, that of the famous Jaina Stūpa of Mathurā is of outstanding interest, and narrated in detail in *Yasastilaka* Book VI, sections 17, 18.<sup>1</sup> It is wellknown that the ruins of the ancient Stūpa were discovered in the course of excavations at the Kaṅkāli Tīlā standing in the angle between the Agra and Govardhan roads during the season 1889-90.<sup>2</sup> Somadeva gives an entirely different version of the story of foundation of the Stūpa from that recorded in Jinaprabhasūri's *Tirthakalpa*, a work of the fourteenth century, and made known by Bühler many years ago. Somadeva is nearly four hundred years earlier than Jinaprabha, and probably records the earliest known version of the legend of the Stūpa, which was regarded as of divine origin as early as the second century A. D. An inscription of the year 79, engraved on the left hand portion of the base of a large standing figure of a Jina found in the Kaṅkāli mound in the season 1890-91, records the fact that an image of the Tirthaṅkara Aranātha was set up at the Stūpa, "built by the gods" (*thūpe devanirmite*). "The sculpture belongs to the Kushān period, and the mode in which the date is expressed shows that the year 79 must be referred to the era used by the great Kushān kings. This year 79 falls within the reign of Vāsudeva, one of whose inscriptions is expressly dated in the year 80." The important thing to note is that when the inscription in question was executed, "not later than A. D. 157 (79+78)", the Jaina Stūpa of Mathurā was already so old that it was regarded as the work of the gods. "It was probably, therefore, erected several centuries before the Christian era, and may have been at least as ancient as the oldest Buddhist Stūpa."<sup>3</sup> According to Jinaprabha, the Stūpa was built by the goddess Kuberā for two Jaina saints named Dharmaruci and Dharmaghoṣa, and among the idols installed in its precincts the chief was that of Supārśvanātha. The Stūpa was originally of gold, but later encased in brick as a safeguard against pillage. In the eighth century it was repaired by Bappabhaṭṭi Sūri, and at his request provided with a stone dome by King Āma.<sup>4</sup> According to Somadeva, on the other hand, the Stūpa was founded by the saint Vajrakumāra,

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1 See Chapter XVI.

2 See Vincent Smith: *The Jaina Stūpa and other Antiquities of Mathurā*, Allahabad, 1901.

3 Smith (op. cit.), pp. 12, 13.

4 Introduction to Pandit's edition of *Gauḍasāha*, p. ciii



Worship of the Stūpa by Kinnaras and Suparnas, see p. 433.



Procession on its way to the Stūpa, see p. 433.



Exploring the Śiva Linga, see p. 433.  
( Rajaputana Musuem, Ajmer )

son of Somadatta, during the reign of Putikavāhana, and there is no reference to its ever being made of gold.

The Jaina Stūpa of Mathurā seems to have existed in Somadeva's time, as is apparent from his statement that "the shrine is still known by the name of *Devanirmita*, "Built by the Gods".<sup>1</sup> It may also be noted in this connection that the colossal image of Pārśvanātha, seated in meditation, found in the Kankālī mound at Mathurā in 1889, and bearing an inscription dated Samvat 1036 or 980 A. D.,<sup>2</sup> was possibly built and installed within Somadeva's lifetime. The discovery of another colossal image of a Jina, also seated in meditation, at the same site, and bearing an inscription dated Samvat 1184 or 1078 A. D.,<sup>3</sup> gives evidence of the continuity of Jaina religious life at Mathurā sixty years after the sack of the city by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1018 A. D. As Dr. Führer says, "these ancient temples were used by the Jainas during the greater part of the eleventh century, and their destruction happened in very late times".<sup>4</sup> As regards the great Stūpa, its site is at present a bare flat mound without any semblance of an ancient edifice on its surface. But a sculpture on a Torana lintel from the Kankālī Tīlā, now preserved in the Lucknow Museum (J 535), shows the Stūpa as being worshipped by Kinnaras and Suparnas (half birds and half men), and gives us an idea of the general appearance of the monument as it originally stood. The reverse side of the lintel represents a procession probably on its way to the Stūpa (see illustrations). Vincent Smith describes the piece of masonry as the central portion of the lowest beam of a Torana archway in the railing round a Stūpa, and says that it may have belonged to the ancient Stūpa, and is certainly an early work, probably to be dated about 100 or 50 B. C.<sup>5</sup>

The existence of Jaina temples at Mathurā, called Uttaramathurā to distinguish it from Dakṣiṇamathurā or Madura in the Pāṇḍya country, is attested by another reference in *Yasastilaka* VI. 10.<sup>6</sup> Two temples were, in fact, discovered under the Kankālī Tīlā. In the Museum Report for 1890-91 Dr. Führer writes that an inscription, incised on an oblong slab, gives the name

1 'अत एवास्मिन् तस्मिन् देवनिर्मितास्त्वया प्रवृत्ते।' Vol. II, p. 315.

2 Now in the Provincial Museum, Lucknow, J 143. The date is variously read as 1038 and 1036. Smith (op. cit.), p. 4 and Agrawala: *Guide-Book to the Archaeological Section of the Provincial Museum*, p. 13. In the text of the inscription sent to me by Dr. Agrawala the date is given as 1036.

3 J 145, Provincial Museum, Lucknow.

4 Smith (op. cit.), p. 4.

5 Smith (op. cit.), p. 22.

6 'उत्तरमथुरायां विजेन्द्रमन्दिरवन्दारिपुत्रपदोद्भवत्वं वर्तमानम्'



of the founder of one of the temples; and as its characters do not differ much from those used in the earliest dated inscriptions of the Indo-Scythic period, he infers that one of the edifices was built before 150 B. C.<sup>1</sup>

The legend of the Jaina Stūpa of Mathurā, as recorded by Somadeva, is also important as throwing light on the rivalry between the Jaina and Buddhist communities at the epoch of the foundation of the Stūpa.<sup>2</sup> It is obvious from the legend that the Buddhist wife of Pūtikavāhana sought to abolish the Jaina Eight-day festival at Mathurā and replace it by a celebration in honour of the Buddha. Her attempt was foiled by Vajrakumāra, and the foundation of the Stūpa bears testimony to the unhindered celebration of the great Jaina festival at Mathurā.

Legends relating to certain pious Jainas of Mathurā occur in *Yasastilaka*. That of Revatī, wife of king Varuṇa, famous for her unflinching devotion to the Jaina faith, is given in detail in VI. 11.<sup>3</sup> In Book IV Somadeva refers to the story of Arhaddāsa, who, though a householder, showed the resolution of an ascetic, when he continued his meditation unperturbed even at the sight of the sufferings caused to his family by some hostile deities.<sup>4</sup> Aurvilā, the pious Jaina wife of king Pūtikavāhana of Mathurā, who had to contend against the machinations of her young Buddhist co-wife, figures prominently in the legend of the great Stūpa.

#### OTHER JAINA LEGENDS

In Book IV occurs a reference to the story of the sage Puruhūta of Pāṭaliputra, who was once a king, but had abdicated in favour of his son and become an ascetic: even during his austerities he could not repress his martial spirit when he heard that his son was waging war against his enemies.<sup>5</sup>

In Book I Somadeva refers to the temptation of the monk Rathanemi who gave up his austerities on witnessing the performance of a nautch-girl.<sup>6</sup> Rathanemi was the brother of the great ascetic Ariṣṭanemi, and his story occurs in *Uttarādhyayanāsūtra*, chap. XXII; but, in the latter text, he feels tempted at the sight of his brother's discarded bride Rājimatī at a lonely spot. Śrutasāgara, on the other hand, in his commentary on *Yasastilaka*, says that Rathanemi was a teacher of the Digambara sect, and married a nautch-girl, a girl of the potter caste, and a princess in succession,

1 Smith (op. cit.), p. 3.

2 See Brhat-Kathā-kosā of Hariṣeṇa, Story No. 12.

3 See Chap. XVI.

4 'यथा उच्यते मथुरायां निशापतिमालितकिरितवृत्तितकचक्रवर्तुनमिनोपद्रवोऽप्येकत्पनावनमानतोऽर्द्धरात्रः ।' p. 137.

5 'कुड्मपुरे बरादाकर्मिणस्तप्तमरसिस्त्रितापनवोगधुतोऽपि पुनस्तदेवतिः ।' Ibid.

6 'रथनेमिश्च नदीनदीनददीनाम् ।' Vol. I, p. 109.

and took also the religious vow as often. The story, according to Śrutasāgara, is found in a *Kathakosa*.

In Book IV Somadeva refers to the early Jaina legend of the burning of Dvārakā by the sage Dvaipāyana.<sup>1</sup> The episode is clearly mentioned in the *Antagadadasa*, Book V; and the *Harivaṃśapurāṇa* of Jinasena I, composed in 783 A. D., narrates in detail how the city was burnt to ashes by the sage, as a revenge for being assaulted by the Yādava young men under the influence of drink (canto 61). The name of the sage is Divāyana in the *Ardhamāgadhi* text and Dvīpāyana in the *Harivaṃśapurāṇa*. Two other Jaina legends are cited in Book IV to illustrate the view that the doing of something different from what one resolves or promises to do does not cause any harm, provided it is harmless to others. There is a scriptural tradition (*pravacana*) that a king of Mithilā named Padmaratha once set out on a journey apparently to worship the pontiff Vāsupūjya, but his real object was to become a leader of the Jaina church.<sup>2</sup> Similarly, a young merchant named Sukumāra, who wished to renounce the world, had promised to his mother that he would do so after passing a day with each of his five hundred wives, but carried out his resolution sooner on hearing from a sage that he was not destined to live long.<sup>3</sup>

#### NON-JAINA LEGENDS

##### a) Brahmā, Viṣṇu and the Śivaliṅga

The dispute of Brahmā and Viṣṇu about the extent of the Śivaliṅga is mentioned in a verse, quoted by Somadeva from an earlier text in Book V.<sup>4</sup> The story is also referred to in Śrīharṣa's *Naiṣadhacarita* 10. 51 and narrated in detail in *Skandapurāṇa*.<sup>5</sup> It is noteworthy that there are important sculptural representations of the legend. In one of the cave-temples of Ellora,<sup>6</sup> Śiva is depicted 'inside a *liṅga* with flames issuing from the side of it. Viṣṇu is represented below on the right as Varāha the boar-*avatāra*, digging down to see if he can reach the base of the great *liṅga*; having failed to do so, he is also represented as worshipping it. On the other side is Brahmā ascending to discover the top of it, which he also failed to do, and stands as a

1 'किं तु क्षयतो द्विपयनो येन स तादृशं कर्तुं सनातनार' Vol. II, p. 139. See *Bṛhat-kathā-kosa* of Hariṣeṇa, Story No. 118.

2 See *Bṛhat-kathā-kosa*, No. 51.

3 'तथा च प्रवचनम्—वासुपूज्यमवतो वन्दनामिदं नतो निविकाननरीजः पदयो वदुः पदपरदेवः । अतः कानिचिद्विनामि दन्तारोक्ष्य पदसुसुप्तसिरसिनाः सुकुमारस्य तापवानासाभिलतम्' See also Śrutasāgara's comm. thereon, p. 72.

4 See Chap. XVIII for the verse in question.

5 See Handiqui: *Naiṣadhacarita*, Notes, p. 410.

6 Cave XV.

worshipper."<sup>1</sup> Similarly, in a beautiful sculpture preserved in the Rajputana Museum, Ajmer, and assigned to the tenth or eleventh century, Brahmā with a long beard is represented as soaring upwards, and Viṣṇu as diving below, to explore the top and the base of the *liṅga* respectively. After their failure, Brahmā is shown as standing on one side of it and Viṣṇu on the other.<sup>2</sup>

b) 'Necessity knows no law'

In Book IV Yaśodhara's mother, in her plea for animal sacrifices for one's wellbeing, says that 'the great sage' Gautama killed even his benefactor Nāḍijaṅgha to save his own life, and Viśvāmitra killed a dog for the same purpose.<sup>3</sup> Somadeva here tampers with two stories found in the Mahābhārata, Śāntiparva (section on *āpaddharma*). Gautama was really a degenerate Brahman who killed the divine crane Nāḍijaṅgha, perceiving no other means of sustenance, despite the great favours conferred on him by the bird. He is severely condemned in the Mahābhārata for ingratitude. Viśvāmitra, on the other hand, partook of dog's flesh in the house of a Cāṇḍāla, and yet incurred no sin, because he did so for the purpose of self-preservation during a famine. The story of Viśvāmitra feeding on dog's flesh is also referred to in *Manusmṛti* 10. 108. It may be noted that Śrutasāgara in his commentary invents fanciful stories to explain these allusions.

c) Women and the practice of religion

A group of traditional stories (*śruti*) is referred to in the message of Amṛtamati to Yaśodhara in Book IV, bearing on the duty of women to accompany their husbands in the practice of religion. She cites the wellknown instances of Rāma and Sītā, Draupadī and Arjuna, Sudakṣiṇā and Dilīpa, Lopāmudrā and Agastya, Arundhatī and Vasiṣṭha, Reṇukā and Jamadagni. On the other hand, the danger of women engaging in religious austerities, however rigorous, unaccompanied by their husbands, is illustrated by the little known story of a Brahmin woman named Brahmabandhū, who, although she was fasting unto death, at Prayāga, was associated by scandal with a monk named Govinda.<sup>4</sup>

1 Burgess: *A Guide to Elura Cave Temples* (Reprint), p. 28.

2 The sculpture was examined by me during my visit to Ajmer in October, 1941. No catalogue was then available. See the illustration.

3 'किमङ्ग महाशुनिर्गौतमः प्राणत्रायार्थमात्मोपकारिणमपि नाडीजङ्घं न जघान । विश्वामित्रः सारमेयम् ।' p. 124.

4 'तथाच ह्युतिः—किञ्च वानप्रस्थमावेऽपि रामस्य सीता सप्तमैचारिण्यासीत् । द्रौपदी वनंजयस्य ..... रेणुका च जमदग्नेरिति । ..... यथा प्रयागे प्रायोपवेशनस्थितापि महाप्रज्ञायाः गोविन्देन परित्राया सह किञ्च परित्याज्यानि वभूवेति ।' p. 149

## d) Effect of calumny

The evil that can be done by popular report, however false, is illustrated by another group of traditional stories (*laukiki śrutih*) in Book IV. It is said that the sage Brhaspati was once refused admission to Indra's council-chamber owing to a false accusation brought against him by a gambler in the city of Cūṅkāra. A monk named Cakrapāṇi was debarred from entering Benares, because a minstrel named Śajaka, having failed to obtain a share in his earnings, spread a report that the monk was in the habit of devouring children. An ascetic named Mārkaṇḍa was excluded from the hermitages of anchorites, because he lived among drunkards, even though he used to drink only water.<sup>1</sup>

## e) Wisdom no bar to moral transgression

The above group of legends is followed by another, designed to show that even the wise at times commit offences, regardless of consequences. The crime of the sage Dvaipāyana is mentioned first. We are then told that Rāvaṇa abducted Sītā, even though he was presumably acquainted with the story of Dāṇḍakya in the Nitisāstras.<sup>2</sup> The latter story occurs in the Rāmāyaṇa, Uttarakāṇḍa, Chap. 80, 81, where it is related how king Daṇḍa and his kingdom were destroyed by the sage Bhārgava as a punishment for violating the latter's daughter Arajā. The legend of Daṇḍa is also treated in detail in *Vāmanapurāṇa*, Chap. 63 ff. and mentioned in *Kāmasūtra* 1. 2. 44.

The wellknown stories of Nahuṣa's insult to the sages and Brahmā's passion for his own daughter are next referred to. Then comes the story of how Vararuci carried a pitcher of wine for the sake of a courtesan.<sup>3</sup> The source of the story is obscure, but it seems to be a variation of a legend recorded in Hemacandra's *Parīśiṣṭaparva* 8. 87 ff., which relates that the poet took to drinking under the influence of a courtesan named Upakośā with fatal results for himself.<sup>4</sup>

## f) Legends of female character

A group of legends is cited in Yaśodhara's soliloquy in Book IV to illustrate the fickle character of women, and how they defy all restrictions on their movements. After referring to the mythological stories of Ahalyā

1 'तथाच लौकिकी श्रुतिः—किञ्च बृहस्पतिः सद्बुद्धोऽपि जुह्वारनगरे लोचनाग्रजहरेण कितवेन मिथ्याप्रवाददूषितः सतक्रतुसभायां प्रवेशं न लेभे । अलम्भार्शनाद्येन तु पञ्चकनासा वाग्मीयमेव नर्बं मिथ्याग्रमणम्याजेनामेकान् अक्षयति इत्युपहतथक्रपाणिः परिक्राद्व वाराणस्याम् । मनुष्ये मध्ये पीतपयास्य मार्कण्डेतापसस्तापसाश्रमेषु ।' p. 138.

2 'चौलस्त्यो नीतिशास्त्रेषु नाश्रीपीडाण्डनोपाख्यानम्' etc. p. 139.

3 'वररुचिश्च वृषलीनिमित्तमासवनिषोद्धनम्' etc.

4 Summarized by Jacobi in his edition of the work, p. lxix.

and Indra; Pārvatī and the Elephant Demon; and Chāyā and the Fire god (the former had been placed by her father in the custody of Yama who vainly put her in his stomach for safety), Yaśodhara cites two little known tales. The first relates to the wife of a merchant, who resorted to the expedient of putting on a single cloth with her, but could not thereby prevent her from committing adultery with Mūladeva. The second story is about a clever adulteress named Upādhyāyikā, the wife of a Brāhmaṇa teacher.<sup>1</sup> According to Śrutasaṅgāra, the name of the husband was Garga and that of the woman Somaśrī.

The temptations offered by women are illustrated in Book I by the legend of how the austerities of Śiva were interrupted by the sight of the water-sports of the daughters of Dakṣa, those of Brahman by the musical performance of the nymph Tilottamā, those of Parāśara by the meeting of the fisherman's daughter, and those of Rathanemi (see above) by the dancing of a nautch-girl.<sup>2</sup>

#### g) Miscellaneous Stories

The legend of Jimūtavāhana is referred to in a simile in Book I.<sup>3</sup> The allusion to Rādhā and Nārāyaṇa in Book IV<sup>4</sup> is of particular interest in view of the paucity of early references to the former, and shows that the Rādhā legend must be much earlier than the 10th century. It is noteworthy that both Kṛṣṇa and Rādhā are mentioned in Hala's Gāthā-saptasatī 1. 89.<sup>5</sup> A woman named Rādhā appears in the story of Dhanakīrti in *Yaśastilaka* VII. 26. The antiquity of the name is shown by the fact that a woman called Rādhā is also mentioned in *Lalitavistara*, chap. 18, the famous Mahāyāna work, earlier than the ninth century.<sup>6</sup> The ten Incarnations of Viṣṇu are referred to in *Yaśastilaka*, Book IV.<sup>7</sup>

1 'तथाहि अनुभवः—कृतरक्षाशस्यान्वहस्या किलाखण्डेन सह संविज्ञेय, हरदेहाभिहितानि निरिच्छता गजादुरेण, वधजड-  
रालयापि छाया पावकेन, एकनसनवेदेकवधुर्मूलदेवेन, एवमन्याब्धोपाध्यायिकाप्रवृत्तयो निमग्नितमसमुपपत्तिभिः  
सहारेभिरे महासाहसनि ।' p. 62. A story very similar to that of Chāyā and the fire god  
occurs in *Milindapañha* iv. 2. 18. A Dānava, to guard his wife, put her into a box,  
and swallowing it, carried her about in his stomach. That did not prevent a Vidyā-  
dhara entering his mouth and enjoying the company of his wife. Rhys Davids: *The  
Questions of King Milinda*, Vol. I, p. 217.

2 'भूयते हि किलाखण्डवज्जन्तो दक्षसुतानां जलकेलिबिडोकनाद् तपःप्रत्यवायः, पितामहस्य सिन्धोरमासंजीतकाद् कैवर्ती-  
संगमाद् पराशरस्य, रत्नेनेव नदीनर्तनदर्शनाद् ।' Vol. I, p. 109.

3 'जीमूतवाहनचरितावतारमिव नागवल्लीविभवमुन्दरम् ।' p. 95

4 'किं न रेने' 'राधा नारायणेन' Vol. II, p. 142.

5 मुहूर्त्तस्य तं कळ गोरजे रादिनाय अवनेन्तो । एतन्मै वल्लवीणं अण्णाण नि गोरजे हरसि ॥ N. S. Press, third  
edition.

6 'तेन कल पुनर्भिक्षः समवेन मुगताया ग्रामिकमुद्विग्वीती राधा नाम कालगतम् ।'

7 'दशवतारेण स वर्तते वा'. For the verse in question see Chapter XII.

## QUOTATIONS AND REFERENCES

## POINTS

While some of the above names are well-known, we know practically nothing about the others. Nārāyaṇa may be Bhaṭṭanārāyaṇa, the author of *Veṇṇisaṃhāra*, but we cannot be sure about this. Kumāra is very probably Kumāradāsa, the author of *Jñānakīraṇa*. The reference to Guṇādhyā seems to suggest that the lost *Bṛhatkathā* was extant in the Deccan in the 10th century. The reference to Bhāsa is not clear, and may not have anything to do with the dramatist of that name. In any case, Bhāsa is again mentioned as a Mahākavi in a subsequent chapter (Vol. II, p. 251), and the following verse quoted therein shows that he was a follower of the sensual aspect of the Śaiva cult.<sup>1</sup> इत्येव च मार्गमभिलामानि मासेन महाकविना—

देवेन्द्रभीरुसमद्वयस्य मोक्षवर्त्तनी दीर्घापुरस्तु अमरनाथ स विनायकनाभिः ॥

**1 See Chap. VIII**

Mr. A remarks: विचारविमर्श का मत.

With regard to the other poets mentioned in Somadeva's list no early poet of the name of Kaṇṭha is known, but a writer named Kaṇṭha is cited several times as an authority on Sanskrit roots in Kāśirasvāmin's *Kāśirataranginī*.<sup>1</sup> Combination of grammar and poetry is not rare in Sanskrit literature, but we do not know whether this Kaṇṭha was also a Mahākavi. As to Urva, two of our Manuscripts (B and C) give the name as Utsavva, but the reading of the printed text is supported by the other two Manuscripts (A and D) which seem to read Ūrva. There seems no doubt that Urva is the correct reading which has also the merit of being adopted in Śrutasāgara's commentary. Urva is probably the same as the poet Aurva cited in Vallabhadeva's *Subhāṣitāvalī* which attributes the following verses to him:

अस्वद्वयान्धकारेऽव प्राप्ते वर्णानिशाक्षये । सरत् प्रामातयेलेव प्रकाशमनवरिसः ॥

रिक्ता विषाण्डुराभासो निःशब्दाः प्राप्तलाववाः । स्वस्तपक्ता इव वना म्यस्तपाया द्विषो ययुः ॥

The second verse is evidently addressed to a king, and Aurva seems to have been a court-poet.

Of the remaining poets, Bāṇa is mentioned in another place, the reference being to his *Kādambarī*.<sup>2</sup> Māgha, too, is mentioned twice, Yaśodhara being addressed as a Māgha in poetic appreciation.<sup>3</sup> As regards Bhavabhūti, a reference to the plot of his *Mālatīmādhava* occurs in Somadeva's *Nītivākyaṃṛta* (*Yuddhasamuddesa*).<sup>4</sup> In Book V Somadeva quotes verses from two other poets about whom we know nothing. They are Grahila, who sings the glory of Śiva, and Nilapaṭa, who heaps scorn on those who deny themselves the charms of women to seek the bliss of salvation. The following two verses are by Grahila:

आस्तां तवाभ्यवधि तावदुत्पलकसमैश्वर्यमीश्वरपदस्य निमित्तभूतम् ।

त्वच्छेकसोऽपि भगवन् गतोऽवसानं विष्णुः पितामहभुतः किमुतापरम् ॥ इति,

रयः क्षोणी यन्ता क्षतक्षतिरगेन्द्रो धनुरयो रयाङ्गे चन्द्राकौ रयचरणपाणिः सर इति ।

द्विचक्षोसो कोऽयं त्रिपुरतुणमाहम्बरविधिर्विधेयैः कीदृशो न सखु परतन्त्राः प्रमुचियः ॥

इति च ग्रहिलभाषितम् । ( Vol. II, p. 55 ).<sup>5</sup>

The following verse is attributed by Somadeva to Nilapaṭa ( Vol. II, p. 252 ). इदमेव च तत्त्वमुपलभ्यालापि नीलपटेन—

1 Ed. Liebhich, Breslau, 1930.

2 See Chap. IV.

3 'मुकनिकाशकभाषिनीदोषदमाव' Book II.

4 'अयं हि किल दूरलोऽपि भाषयिता कामन्दकीयप्रदोऽनेन भाषवाय मालती साधयामास ।'

5 The second verse occurs in Puṣpadanta's *Mahimnastotra*. It is possible that Somadeva's remark ग्रहिलभाषितम् might simply mean 'an obstinate utterance,' as the verses in question are cited to illustrate certain alleged contradictions in the conception of Śiva. See Chap. VIII.



सुखोदरमहाकविः कश्चिन्मृतावैश्याः कश्चिन्सकलपद्मलोकरिणीकण्ठहारिणीः ।

विद्याय रत्नवीर्यरत्नमोक्षसौख्यार्थिनामहो जडिमतिविहिनो निरुक्तमन्दपादविहनाम् ॥

Nilapaṭa seems to be the same as the poet Nilapaṭṭa cited in *Saduktikarṇāmṛta* which quotes from him the following playful verse on the irony of Śiva's burning the god of love. It would seem that Nilapaṭa or Nilapaṭṭa was a poet who laid stress on the pleasures of love.

अयं स सुखपद्मप्रसन्नितसंभवी कङ्करो विनर्ति वयुवायुना विरहकातरः कामिनीम् ।

अनेन किं निर्विना वयमिति श्रियायाः कर् करेण परिकारकम् अवति जातहासः खरः ॥

The following verse is attributed in Book IV to Vararuci (p. 99):

प्राणावाताग्निवृत्तिः परमहरणे संवतः सत्यवाक्यं काळे सत्त्वा प्रदेवं सुवर्तिजनकयामूकनाथः परेषाम् ।

पृष्णाद्येतोमिवन्वो गुरुषु च विनतिः सर्वयूतायुक्त्या सामान्यं सर्वज्ञायेत्यनुपहतविधिः श्रेयसामेष मार्गः ॥

The verse is found in the Nirṇaya Sāgara edition of Bhartṛhari's *Nītisāṭaka*, but seems to be an interpolation. It is not included in Jivānanda's edition of the work in *Kāvyaśaṅgraha*, vol. II. Somadeva refers to Bhartṛhari in the above list, and must have been acquainted with his work. It is hardly possible that he would have missed the verse in *Nītisāṭaka* if it had formed part of the text. The verse in question is put in the mouth of Vararuci in a story in Durgasimha's Kanarese rendering of the *Pañcatantra*, based on Vasubhāga's Sanskrit version of the work; but as the latter recension is no longer extant, it is difficult to say whether Somadeva borrowed the verse from Vasubhāga.<sup>1</sup>

Two verses of Bhartṛhari are quoted by Somadeva in Book V without mentioning their author, one from *Śṛṅgārasāṭaka* and the other from *Nītisāṭaka*, the printed text of the *Sāṭakas* showing slight variations:

लीमुद्रां हृषकेतव्य महतीं सर्वार्थसंपत्कीं ये मोहाद्वशीरयन्ति कुक्षियो मिथ्याफलाब्धेयिनः ।

ते तेषैव निहत निर्वचनं मुष्कीकृता कुक्षिताः केचिन्पञ्चशिखीकृताश्च जटिनः कापालिकाश्लापरे ॥

नमस्वामो देवास्तु हतविधेःसोऽपि वक्ष्यामि विधिर्विन्ध्यः सोऽपि प्रतिनिवृत्तकर्मान्तकफटः ।

ककं कर्मायत्तं यदि किमपरैः किञ्च विधिना नमः सत्कर्मन्वः प्रभवति न जेन्वो विधिरपि ॥

As pointed out elsewhere,<sup>2</sup> Somadeva quotes a large number of verses on the ministers of kings from various poets, but it is doubtful whether they are historical names. There is a similar reference to a poet named Gaṇapati in the verse quoted below:

दृष्टिच्छेदसिद्धसिद्धयः कोहककार्यहानिर्मानकानिर्गणपतिकवेः कंकरसाङ्ग नाथः ।

वर्मण्यंसः कुमुदकृतिनः केकटेय प्रवासः पापादकादिति सममवदेष देशे प्रसिद्धिः ॥

It is stated in the verse that the wicked minister Pāmarodara insulted the poet Gaṇapati. Śrutasāgara in his commentary takes Tridaśa, Kohala

1 *The Poona Orientalist*, Vol. II, p. 181.

2 See Chap. VII.

and *Kekati* also as referring to poets, but the verse mentions only *Ganapati* as a poet. We cannot but regard these names as fictitious, but it is noteworthy that there was actually a poet named *Ganapati* earlier than the tenth century. *Rājasekhara* praises him in a verse cited in *Jalhana's Sūktimuktāvalī*, which also quotes another verse wherein he is mentioned along with several well-known poets.<sup>1</sup> Verses from *Ganapati* are cited in *Saduktikarnāmrta* and *Subhāṣitāvalī*, and he seems to have composed a work named *Mahāmōda*.

The following verse is quoted by *Somadeva* from an unnamed work on poetics. (3. 274):

त्रिमूलकं द्विधोरथानं पञ्चशास्त्रं चतुष्टयम् । योऽयं वेति नवच्छायं दशधूमिं स काव्यकृत् ॥

#### GRAMMARIANS

*Somadeva* says in Book I that the monks accompanying *Sudatta* expounded to their disciples the tenets of 'the *Aindra*, *Jainendra*, *Cāndra*, *Āpīsala*, *Pāṇiniya* and many other grammars'. The grammar of *Pāṇini* needs no comment, but the others are less familiar, and it is interesting to find that they were in vogue in the tenth century. About a century later, the *Mulgund Inscription*<sup>2</sup> of the reign of *Someśvara I*, dated 1053 A. D., refers to the erudition of the *Jaina Muni Narendrasena* in the *Cāndra*, *Kātantra*, *Jainendra*, *Śabdānuśāsana* and *Aindra* grammars, and that of *Pāṇini*; and these were no doubt the standard grammars of the day. As late as the thirteenth century *Bopadeva* mentions at the beginning of his *Kavikalpadruma* eight ancient grammarians including *Indra*, *Candra*, *Āpīsali*, *Pāṇini* and *Jainendra*, and says that he has composed his work 'after examining their opinions'. *Samayasundara* in his commentary on the *Jaina Kūlpasūtra* 2. 9 includes the *Aindravyākaraṇa* and the *Āpīsali-vyākaraṇa* among the eighteen grammars mentioned by him; but while it may be assumed that the grammars enumerated by *Somadeva* were current in the Deccan for a few centuries after his time, it would be rash to draw any conclusion about the popularity of these ancient texts from late references occurring in a writer of the seventeenth century.

No work called the *Aindra* grammar has come down to us, but the *Kātantra* system is believed to be derived from the *Aindra* school, of which the traditional founder is the god *Indra*, who first appears in the rôle

1 अथो गणपतिं वन्दे महामोदविधामिनम् । विद्याधरगणेशं पूज्यते कण्ठमजितम् ॥ 4. 72; दण्डी गणदिवाकरो गणपतिः कान्तश्च रत्नाकरः 4. 111

2 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XVI, Part II.

of a grammarian in the *Taittiriyaśamhitā*.<sup>1</sup> In later times Indra is mentioned as the author of a grammar in Śrīharṣa's *Naiṣadha-carita* 10. 185; and Cāṇḍī-paṇḍita, who wrote a remarkable commentary on the poem towards the end of the thirteenth century, takes the reference to mean the Aindra grammar.<sup>2</sup>

Tibetan tradition, however, speaks of an Indravāyākaraṇa by a grammarian named Indragomin, and it is said to have been prevalent among the the Buddhists of Nepal.<sup>3</sup> The question requires further investigation.

The Āpiśala referred to by Somadeva is the ancient grammar of Āpiśali earlier than Pāṇini who refers to him in the rule *vā supyāpiśaleḥ*. Āpiśali's opinion is cited in connection with another rule in the Mahābhāṣya on Pāṇini 4. 2. 45,<sup>4</sup> and we learn from the same work (4. 1. 14) that a Brāhmaṇa woman who studies Āpiśala, that is, the grammar of Āpiśali, is called Āpiśalā.<sup>5</sup> Occasional references to the tenets of the Āpiśala school are found in the *Kāśikā* and Jinendrabuddhi's *Nyāsa* thereon. For example, we read in *Kāśikā* 6. 2. 36: आपिशलस्यापत्यमापिशलिराचार्यः ।...तेन प्रोक्तमापिशलम् ।...अधीयते वेदन्तेवास्मिन्नेऽप्यापिशलः । ....आपिशलेर्वा छात्रा आपिशला इति.....आपिशलपाणिनीये शास्त्रे । *Kāśikā* 7. 3. 95 while explaining the rule तुहस्तुशम्यगःसार्वधातुके says—आपिशलास्तुहस्तुशम्यगः सार्वधातुकास्तुहस्तुशम्यगः सार्वधातुके उच्यन्तीति पठन्ति. Jinendrabuddhi remarks—सार्वधातुकास्ति श्रीलिङ्गनिर्देशः श्रीलिङ्गस्य सार्वधातुकाशब्दस्यापिशलिना संज्ञात्वेन प्रणीतत्वात् । Jinendrabuddhi on *Kāśikā* 1. 3. 22 mentions another peculiarity of Āpiśali: सकारमात्रमस्ति धातुमापिशलिराचार्यः प्रतिजानीते । तथाहि न तस्य पाणिनेरिव अस भुवीति गणपाठः । किं तर्हि । स भुवीति स पठति ।...स त्वागमौ गुणवृद्धी आतिष्ठते । एवं हि स प्रतिजानीत इत्यर्थः । References to Āpiśali's grammar are found also in writers of the Kātantra school, e. g. in Durgasimha's comm. on the rule द्वितीयेनेन—आपिशलीयव्याकरणे समयादीनां कर्मप्रवचनीयत्वं दृष्टमिति मतम् ।

The Cāndra grammar referred to by Somadeva is the work of the Buddhist Candragomin, and has been edited<sup>6</sup> and assigned to the 5th century A. D.<sup>7</sup> The Jainendra is the work of the famous Jaina philosopher and grammarian Pūjyapāda, also known as Devanandin. He is said to have been the tutor of the Ganga king Durvinita who ruled about the end of the fifth century. But a Jaina scholar named Niravadyapaṇḍita who was a spiritual adviser of the Cālukya king Vinayāditya (680-696 A. D.) is described in an inscription as the house-pupil of Pūjyapāda; and R. G. Bhandarkar has on

1 Belvalkar: *Systems of Sanskrit Grammar*, p. 10.

2 Explaining the phrase तादृक्कृतव्याकरणः, C. P. says तादृक् कृतम् ऐन्द्रं व्याकरणं येन सः.

3 Winternitz: *Geschichte der indischen Literatur*, Vol. III, p. 398.

4 'तथा आपिशलेर्विधिः' etc.

5 'आपिशलमधीते ग्राहणी आपिशला ग्राहणी ।'

6 See *Cāndra-Vṛtti*, Ed. Liebhaf, Leipzig, 1918.

7 Belvalkar (*op. cit.*), p. 58.

this ground suggested about 678 A. D. as the date of the grammarian.<sup>1</sup> It is possible, however, that there was more than one Pūjyapāda, and it is usual to assign the grammarian to the latter half of the fifth century. It may be noted that of the two recensions of the Jainendra grammar that preserved in Somadeva's commentary *Śabdārṇavacandrikā* composed in 1205 A. D. is the earlier and more complete.<sup>2</sup>

Somadeva refers to Pūjyapāda again in Book II. The young prince Yaśodhara is described as being proficient in grammar like Pūjyapāda and in the science of logic like Akalaṃka.<sup>3</sup> We shall speak about Akalaṃka a bit later. As regards Pūjyapāda, although he was no less distinguished for his philosophical and other writings, he was regarded as a grammarian *par excellence*, a founder of an independent grammatical system. 'Like Pūjyapāda in grammar, like Akalaṃka in logic' became a sort of proverbial expression among later Jaina writers. The comparison occurs, for instance, in some of the Śravaṇa Belgola inscriptions. An inscription dated Śaka 1087 describes (verse 30) a teacher named Meghaçandra as:

बहुतर्केश्वरकण्ठदेवविभुः साक्षादयं भूतले । सर्वस्वाकारणे विपश्चिद्विभः श्रीपूज्यपादः स्वयं ॥

Another teacher, Jinacandra by name, is called जेनेन्द्रे पूज्य(पादः) सकलसम्बतर्के च मद्गकलङ्कः (verse 23) in an inscription of about Śaka 1022. Similarly, in an inscription dated Śaka 1320 a teacher named Śrutamuni is called सन्दे श्रीपूज्यपादः सकलविमतजितर्कतन्त्रेषु देवः (verse 40).<sup>4</sup> The grammatical learning of Pūjyapāda is further attested by the citations from the *Mahābhāṣya* occurring in his *Sarvārthasiddhi*, one of the earliest commentaries on the *Tattvārthasūtra*.<sup>5</sup>

A casual reference to the grammarian Patañjali, the author of the *Mahābhāṣya*, occurs in a metaphor based on word-play in Book VI, section 20: 'संज्ञशास्त्रविद्याधिकरणव्याकरणपतञ्जले बले'.

#### NĪTISĀSTRAS

In Book III Somadeva describes Yaśodhara as having studied the Nītiśāstras of Bṛhaspati, Śukra, Viśālākṣa, Parīkṣit, Parāśara, Bhīma, Bhīṣma, Bhāradvāja and others.<sup>6</sup> None of these ancient works is now extant, but there is no doubt that they were available in the 10th century.

1 *Early History of the Deccan*, Third edition, p. 102.

2 See introduction to Benares edition, and Winternits (op. cit.), p. 400.

3 'पूज्यपाद इव शब्दैतिशेषु', 'अकलङ्कदेव इव प्रमाणशालेषु'

4 जेनसिखलेखसंग्रहः, pp. 62, 119, 202 (मणिकचन्द्रदिगम्बरजेनग्रन्थमास्य).

5 See Pathak in *Annals of the B. O. R. I.*, Vol XIII, p. 32.

6 गुह्यशुक्रविशाखाह.....भारद्वाजविप्रनीतनीतिशास्त्रमन्वतनाथं कृतिपद्म.....P. 471

The opinions of the followers of the schools of Brhaspati (*Bārhaspatyāḥ*) and Śukra (*Aśvanasāḥ*) are cited several times in Kauṭilya's *Arthaśāstra*, and these two ancient writers on statecraft are often quoted in the *Mahābhārata* and other texts.<sup>1</sup> A large number of quotations from Brhaspati in verse occurs in Lakṣmīdhara's *Kṛtyakalpataru* (*Rājadharmakāṇḍa*)<sup>2</sup> composed in the twelfth century; and as late as the fourteenth century, Caṇdeśvara quotes Brhaspati, Bārhaspatya, and the Niti or Rājanīti of Śukra in his *Rājanītiratnākara*, but the work of Śukra quoted therein is not the same as the extant *Sukranītisāra*, which is believed to be a later compilation.

Another reference to Śukra occurs in Book II. The young prince Yaśodhara is described as proficient as Śukra in political science and the disposition of troops on the battlefield.<sup>3</sup> The *Nītisāstra* of Śukra seems to have paid special attention to the latter topic, as the *Mahābhārata* (*Āśramavāsikaparva* 7. 15) refers to the *Vyūhas* known as Śakaṭa, Padma, Vajra and mentions in this connection the *sāstra* of Uśanas.

अथोपपत्त्या सकटं पद्मवज्रं च भारत । उशना वेद वयसां तत्रैतद्विहितं विभो ॥

The subject is treated in detail in Kauṭilya's *Arthaśāstra* 10. 6, wherein the discussion opens with a reference to the classification of *vyūhas* according to Uśanas and Brhaspati.<sup>4</sup>

We know very little about the *Nītisāstras* of Parikṣit, Bhīma and Bhīṣma. With regard to the latter, the opinions of an old writer on politics named Kauṇapadanta are cited several times in Kauṭilya's *Arthaśāstra* (1. 8. etc.), and as Kauṇapadanta is an epithet of Bhīṣma, the two names might refer to the same author. The *Nītisāstra* of Parāśara seems to be different from the *Dharmasamhitā* of the same author. The opinions of Parāśara and the school of Parāśara are quoted several times in Kauṭilya's *Arthaśāstra* (1. 8, 15 etc.). An opinion of Parāśara is cited also in Kāmaṇḍaka's *Nītisāra* 8. 39.<sup>5</sup> An early reference to the *Nītisāstra* of Parāśara occurs in the *Tantrākhyāyikā*, the oldest recension of the *Pañcatantra*, which mentions the *Nītisāstra* of Manu, Brhaspati, Bhṛgu, Parāśara, Śālaṅkāyana and Cāṇakya (Book III).

We know a bit more about Bhāradvāja. The *Nītisāstra* of Bhāradvāja has to be distinguished from the *Smṛti* work attributed to the same

1 See Kane: *History of Dharmasāstra*, Vol. I, sections 17 and 16.

2 Ed. J. Sastri. Lahore.

3 'कविरिव राजराजान्येषु', 'कान्य इव व्यूहवचनाम्'.

4 'पञ्चाङ्गुरसं प्रतिग्रह इत्यौशनसो व्यूहविज्ञानः । पञ्चौ कक्षाङ्गुरसं प्रतिग्रह इति गार्हस्पत्यः ।'

5 इह एव प्रकृतौ न्याय्ये इत्युवाच पराशरः । अस्मिन्पुत्रमनसात् तन्मान्यो नोऽस्मिन्मते ॥

author or possibly some other author of the same name. Most of the available data about Bhāradvāja have been collected by Kane,<sup>1</sup> who points out that he is mentioned as one of the writers on Rājasastra in the Mahābhārata (Śāntiparva 58. 3) and that his opinions are cited several times in Kautilya's Arthasastra. It may be added that the opinion of a Bhāradvāja is cited in Kāmandaka's *Nitisāra* 9. 57.<sup>2</sup>

The following verses are quoted by Somadeva in Book IV from a work of Bhāradvāja, called *Śāḍguṇyaprastāva*.

अवज्ञेयेण हि सतामसतां प्रग्रहेण च । तथा सर्वेष्वभिद्रोहाद्धर्मस्य च कारणात् ॥  
विमानवाच मानवानां विचक्षणां च वातनात् । प्रजानां जायते लोपो नृपतेऽश्वपुः क्षयः ॥

कथमिदमभाषत बाहुभ्यप्रस्तावे भारद्वाजः । (p. 100).

The purport of these lines is that the king and the citizens of a state go to ruin if the good are dishonoured and the wicked held in esteem, if living beings are injured and injustice prevails, if those worthy of respect are insulted and the faithful killed. The influence of these ideas can be seen from the fact that they are amplified in the following verses of Kautilya's Arthasastra (7. 5):

अवज्ञेयेण हि सतामसतां प्रग्रहेण च । अभूतानां च हिंसानामधर्माणां प्रवर्तनेः ॥.....  
अदण्डनैश्च दण्ड्यानां दण्ड्यानां चण्डदण्डनैः । अग्राह्याणामुपग्राह्यार्थाह्याणां चानभिग्रहैः ॥.....  
उपचातैः प्रचानानां मान्यानां चावमाननैः ..... । प्रकृतीनां क्षयो लोभो वैराग्यं चोपजायते ॥  
क्षीणाः प्रकृतयो लोभं लुब्धा जग्मि विरागताम् । विरक्ता वाय्स्वसिञ्चं वा भर्तारं भ्रमन्ति वा स्वयम् ॥

Bhāradvāja seems to have advocated the rule of concord and harmony in the relations of a king and his subjects, and the verses in question are cited by Somadeva in support of the doctrine of *ahimsā*. The principle of non-violence is in fact enunciated in another verse of Bhāradvāja quoted in the anonymous commentary on Somadeva's *Nītivākyaṃṛta* (Vyasana-samuddesa).

तथा च भारद्वाजः—

तृणच्छेदोऽपि नो कार्षीं विना कार्येण साधुभिः । येन नो सिध्यते किञ्चित् किं पुनर्मातुषं सह्य (?) ॥

We know nothing about the contents of Bhāradvāja's *Śāḍguṇyaprastāva*, but the name suggests that it dealt with the six *guṇas* or principles of foreign policy. It is possible that this was the name of Bhāradvāja's work on politics or *daṇḍanīti*, of which *śāḍguṇya*, according to the Mahābhārata, formed the quintessence (Śāntiparva 59. 78, 79).<sup>3</sup>

1 *Journal of the University of Bombay*, September, 1942, p. 81.

2 स्वसप्तसुताहमुदीक्ष्य विदुषीयान्महत्तरम् । केतरीव द्विपमिति भरद्वाजः प्रभाषते ॥

3 शाङ्गुण्यगुणसारेण साप्तसुते महात्मनु ।

Somadeva seems to have utilized another verse of Bhāradvāja. Both in *Nītivākyaṃṛta* and *Yasastilaka* (3. 23) he tells us that to confide the care of a kingdom to officials is to entrust cats with the guarding of milk. विष्णुसर्पार्थिवसामारातिहृति के स्वेरविहारसाराः । विशाकपुण्यादिविष्णुसमुद्राः स्वस्मिन् ते मूढविषः क्षितीन्द्राः ॥ In *Nītivākyaṃṛta* we have: मार्जारेषु दुग्धरक्षणमिव नियोगेषु विश्वासकरणम् । There is no doubt that the idea is based on the following verse of Bhāradvāja quoted in the anonymous commentary on *Nītivākyaṃṛta* (*Amātyasamuddeśa*). तथा च भारद्वाजः—

मार्जारेभ्यश्च विश्वासो यथा नो दुग्धरक्षणे । नियोगिनां नियोगेषु तथा कार्षो न मूलुषा ॥

We shall now speak a few words about Viśālākṣa. He and Bhāradvāja are mentioned among the writers on Rājāsāstra in the Mahābhārata (*Sāntiparva* 58. 2, 3). The Mahābhārata (*ibid.* 59. 80–82) relates a legend, according to which Śiva, otherwise known as Viśālākṣa, abridged a lengthy Nītisāstra composed by Brahman, and this shorter version containing ten thousand chapters was known as *Vaiśālākṣa* after Śiva. What is certain is that Viśālākṣa was an ancient writer on state-craft whose opinions are quoted several times in Kautilya's *Arthasāstra* (1. 8, 17 etc.), Kāmandaka's *Nītisāra* 8. 28<sup>1</sup>, and Viśvarūpa's commentary on Yājñavalkya 1. 328.<sup>2</sup> He is also mentioned in Caṇḍeśvara's *Rājantīratnākara*.

The following quotation from Viśālākṣa occurs in *Yasastilaka*, Book III. 'नैकस्य कार्यसिद्धिरस्ति' इति विशालाक्षः (p. 453). The maxim is incorporated by Somadeva in his *Nītivākyaṃṛta*, chap. 18, without acknowledgment. It is quoted also in Kautilya's *Arthasāstra* 1. 15 with a slight variation: 'नैकस्य मन्त्रसिद्धिरस्ति' इति विशालाक्षः । A similar idea occurs in a quotation from Yama found in Lakṣmīdhara's *Kṛtyakalpataru* (*Rājadharmakāṇḍa* 15. 70): नैकः कार्योक्तिः कुर्यात् सोऽत्यन्तं पाति मेदिनीम् ॥

The opinions of Viśālākṣa sometimes run counter to those of Bhāradvāja, to judge from the statements preserved in Kautilya. Bhāradvāja, for example, contrary to the above maxim, opines that the king should deliberate alone on secret matters of policy: 'गुह्यमेको मन्त्रयेत्' भारद्वाजः । Further, while Bhāradvāja recommends submission in the face of a superior enemy, Viśālākṣa recommends fighting with the combined strength of all one's forces, regardless of victory or defeat.<sup>3</sup>

'बलीयसामियुक्तो दुर्बलः सर्वैत्रालुप्रणतो वेतसचर्मो तिष्ठेत् । इन्द्रस्य हि स प्रणमति यो बलीयसो नमति' इति भारद्वाजः । 'सर्वैरोहेन बलानां युध्येत् । पराक्रमो हि व्यसनमपहन्ति । स्वधर्मवैष सत्रियस्य युद्धे जयः पराजयो वा' इति विशालाक्षः । Kautilya 12. 1.

1 यत्सेऽष्टादश चैतेषां शत्रुभिरेव दृष्टम् इत्यम् । चतुष्पञ्चाशत्कमिति विशालाक्षः प्रमादते ॥

2 एवं च विशालाक्षः—वन्यान् वनगतैर्मित्तं मण्डललाक्षाविधैः । चारैराकोच्य सात्कुर्मोक्षिणीपुद्गैर्बद्धम् ॥

3 See also Kane's paper in *Journal of the University of Bombay* (op. cit.)



There is another quotation from Viśālākṣa in Book IV: 'चातुर्मासेष्वर्धमासिकम्, वर्षपौर्णमासयोश्चातुरात्रिकम्, राजनक्षत्रे गुरुपर्वणि च त्रैरात्रिकम्, एकमन्यासु चोपहतासु तिथिषु द्विरात्रमेकरात्रं वा सर्वेषामघातं घोषयेदायुर्बलवृद्धयर्थम्' इति कथमुपनिषदि वदति स विज्ञानाक्षः १. The purport of these lines is that non-injury to all creatures should be proclaimed (by the king) during the four months of rains for a fortnight, during the New and the Full Moon for four nights, on days related to the constellation under which the king was born and on Samkrānti days for three nights, and similarly on certain inauspicious lunar days for one or two nights. Viśālākṣa is reported as making this statement in an *Upaniṣad*. The word seems to be used in its wider sense of 'secret doctrine' and *Upaniṣad* might simply refer to Viśālākṣa's *Nitiśāstra*. We know, for example, that the *Mahābhārata* (*Śāntiparva* 103. 40) uses the expression *danḍopaniṣad* in the sense of 'secret application of force';<sup>1</sup> and Somadeva himself uses the word *upaniṣad* in the sense of 'secret' or 'mystery' in relation to the teachings of the *Arthaśāstra*. He says, for instance, 'अर्थशास्त्र-विचारपल्लवकलोकप्रकाशितोपनिषत्सु परिषत्सु' (Book III) 'in assemblies where scholars expert in the discussion of the *Arthaśāstra* revealed the mysteries (of that science)'.<sup>2</sup>

The passage from Viśālākṣa's *Upaniṣad* cited above occurs in Kaṭīlyā's *Arthaśāstra* 13. 5 with slight modifications and omissions in connection with the restoration of peace in a conquered country: चातुर्मासेष्वर्धमासिकमघातं पौर्णमासीषु च चातुरात्रिकं राजदेशनक्षत्रेष्वेकरात्रिकम् । It is possible that the passage is adapted from the work of Viśālākṣa, just as certain verses of Bhāradvāja have also been amplified and incorporated in the text of the *Arthaśāstra*.<sup>3</sup> In face of this, it is impossible to accept Śrutasāgara's identification of Viśālākṣa with the sage Prabhākara and explanation of *Upaniṣad* as *Vedāntaśāstra*.

Somadeva seems to borrow an idea from another old writer whom he does not mention, but who is cited in the anonymous commentary on his *Nitivākyaṃṛta*. Both in *Yasastilaka* (3. 25) and *Nitivākyaṃṛta* he expresses the opinion that the troubles of the master are the opportunity of the servants, and says that just as physicians try to aggravate the illness of wealthy patients, similarly the officials of a king try to add to his troubles.

व्याधिदृष्टौ यथा वैद्यः श्रीमतामाहितोद्यमः । न्यसनेषु तथा राज्ञः कृत्यवत्ता निबोधिनिः ॥

He says in *Nitivākyaṃṛta*: वैद्येषु श्रीमतां व्याधिर्वर्धनादिव नियोगेषु भर्तृव्यसनादपरो नास्ति जीवनीयायः. There is no doubt that the above idea is based on the following verse quoted

1 Nilakantha says रहस्यदण्डः.

2 See above.

from an ancient writer named Raibhya in the commentary on *Nitiśākyāmrta* (*Svāmisamuddesa*). तदा च रीत्यः—

इत्यस्मात् तथा व्यापिषिषाणां निमित्तमः । निवोयिनां तथा देवः स्वाभिप्यसप्तसंभवः ॥

Similarly, Somadeva seems to have adapted another idea from the ancient writer Atri, well-known as an author of Smṛti works. Somadeva says in *Yasastilaka* 3. 280 :

एकमात्रे महिषादे वाकं कश्मीदिदृशते । कलावाक्यं का वृत्तिः सात्त्विका यत्र सात्त्विति ॥

In *Nitiśākyāmrta* (10. 82) he says: किमेकमात्रस्य सात्त्विको महती भवति पञ्चाया । The idea is based on the following verse quoted from Atri in the commentary on the above work. तदा वाचिः—

एकमात्रस्य वृत्तस्य नैव पञ्चाया प्रजापते । एवैकमंत्रिणा राज्ञः सिद्धिः कुलेषु चो भवेत् ॥

The following verse is cited by Somadeva in Book IV without mentioning the source. तदा च—

राज्ञि चर्मिणि चर्मिष्ठाः पावे पापाः सन्ते समाः । राजानमनुवर्तन्ते तथा राजा तथा प्रजाः ॥

The verse is quoted in the commentary on *Nitiśākyāmrta* (*Svāmisamuddesa*) and attributed to Vyāsa. It is cited from Vṛddha Cāṇakya in Böhtlingk's *Indische Sprüche*.

The following two verses are also cited in *Yasastilaka* (3.258-9) without mentioning the source.

वेमिसेकान्तराद् राज्ञः कृत्वा चानन्तराक्षराद् । वामिसामानमावच्छेदेन प्रकृतिमण्डले ॥

अहस्तात् चतुर्वृत्तं वदितुं द्वये स्थितम् । चतुर्वृत्तं त्रिकं वृत्तं चो जायति स नीतिविद् ॥

The purport of the first verse is that a king desirous of supremacy should make himself the centre of the Circle of States, making the neighbouring kings and those living beyond his immediate neighbours the circumference of the Circle. Yaśodhara says that while considering the verse in an assembly of learned men, he discussed also the second verse which has a bearing on the composition of the Circle of States, and dealt with the entire system of arrangement and distribution of alien states. The second verse is a sort of synopsis of the various topics of the *Nitiśāstras*, and from the nature of the reference we should expect to find both the verses in the same text, but actually we find the first verse in Kautilya's *Arthasāstra* and the second in Kāmandaka's *Nitisāstra*. The *Arthasāstra* 6. 2 cites the first verse with an important variant, reading *arḍh* for *narḍh*. The reading (*spokes*) completes the metaphor of the wheel, but does not materially alter the sense of the verse. As regards the second verse, it occurs in Kāmandaka 8.42, but we cannot be certain that Somadeva took the verse from the latter work, as Śaṅkarārya in his commentary on Kāmandaka cites the verse independently from Aśvatas, that is, the *Nitiśāstra* of Sakra.

The following verses quoted anonymously in *Yasastilaka* 3.77 and Book VI, section 13, are found in Kaṭilya's *Arthasāstra* 10.6 and 3.1 respectively. तदाह—

एकं हन्यात् वा हन्यादियुः क्षिप्तो बहुजनता । प्राप्तेन तु मतिः क्षिप्ता हन्याद्भ्रमेणसामयि ॥  
हन्यो हि केवलो कोकं परं येन च रक्षति । राज्ञा सत्रौ च पुत्रे च यथादोषं समं हतः ॥

The first verse occurs also in the *Pañcatantra* (*Tantrākhyāyikā*) 3.123. It occurs in a somewhat different form in the *Mahābhārata* (*Udyogaparva* 33.47).

एकं हन्यात् वा हन्यादियुः क्षिप्तो बहुजनता । इदितुंदिमतोत्सृष्टा हन्याद्वाहं सरामकम् ॥

The following verse occurring in *Yasastilaka* (towards the end of Book IV) is found in Kaṭilya 5.6:

काकश्च सङ्कटयेति चं नरं काककाङ्क्षिणम् । दुर्कमः स पुनः काकस्तस्य कर्म चिकीर्षतः ॥

The verse is found also in the *Pañcatantra* (*Tantrākhyāyikā*) 3.74, the latter text reading *tena* for *tasya* and *cikīrṣatā* for *cikīrṣataḥ*. The *Pañcatantra* seems to have borrowed the verse from Kaṭilya, as the preceding sentence स्वयमुपगता श्रीस्वयममानमिशपतीति लोकप्रवादः is a variation of Kaṭilya's स्वयमाकडा हि श्री स्वयमानमिशपतीति लोकप्रवादः. The real author of the verse seems to be Bhāradvāja, as both the verse and the sentence preceding it form part of certain opinions of Bhāradvāja which Kaṭilya here cites and subjects to criticism.

There are also a few verses in our romance which are clearly based on Kaṭilya's *Arthasāstra*. The following verse is one of three (3.106–108) which Somadeva represents as containing the essence of all the *Arthasāstras*. He says:

स्वस्माच्चित्तः परोऽप्यस्मात् स्वः परस्मात् परो निजात् । रक्ष्यः स्वस्मात् परस्माच्च नित्यमात्म विपक्षिता ॥

The verse is obviously based on the following verse found in Kaṭilya 9. 3:

परे परेभ्यः स्वे स्वेभ्यः स्वे परेभ्यः स्वतः परे । रक्ष्यः स्वेभ्यः परेभ्यश्च नित्यमात्मा विपक्षिता ॥

The following Niti verse on the risks of hunting is cited in Book V:

क्षेनद्विषद्विषयाकथापदप्रभवं भवत् । शर्मभर्मविरामश्च युगवाचा महीपतेः ॥

The verse seems to be based on Kaṭilya 8. 3: 'क्षेनाभिप्रव्याकृतावप्रत्यक्षजनमयद्विषोद्वाः क्षुत्पिपासे च प्राणावापस्तस्याम् ।'. The references of Somadeva to the *Arthasāstra* are of a general character, and he does not seem to refer to any particular *Arthasāstra*. Two such references have been mentioned above. Another occurs in the following Niti verse cited in Book IV, which sums up a leading idea of the *Arthasāstra*: to outwit one's enemies and not to be outwitted by them (p. 152):

पुतदेवार्थकाकाल नित्यमव्ययने ककम् । यत् परामभिसंचसे नाभिसंचिषसे परैः ॥

A similar summing up occurs also in Manu 7. 180:

यथैवं नाभिसंचिष्युर्मित्रोदसीवज्रप्रदाः । तथा सर्वं संविद्व्यादेव ज्ञानात्मिको ययः ॥

The rise of Candragupta to power, though resourceless, through the efforts of a good minister is mentioned in a traditional verse (*śruti*) cited by Somadeva (3. 242). तथा च श्रुतिः—

दुर्धनः समर्थोऽपि दुर्धनी मर्कटं गतः । राजमेकसारोऽन्वाप सम्मन्त्री चन्द्रगुप्तकः ॥

The tradition is also mentioned by Somadeva in his *Nītivākyāmrta* 10. 4, wherein Viṣṇugupta or Cāṇakya is referred to by name: तथा चानुभूयते विष्णुगुप्तानुग्रहा-  
दनधिकृतोऽपि किल चन्द्रगुप्तः साम्राज्यपदमवापेति । The anonymous commentary on the above work quotes a verse from Śūkra which contains the same allusion, *vr̥hala* (*vr̥ṣala*?) apparently referring to Candragupta. तथा च श्रुतः—

महामार्कं करो राजा निर्विकल्पं करोति यः । एकस्रोऽपि मर्द्दी केने हीनोऽपि बृहको यथा ॥

Somadeva says in the course of a discussion in *Yasastilaka* 3. 86:

पुण्यैरपि न बोद्धव्यं किं पुनर्निमित्तैः करैः । सामर्थ्यां गतानां तु न विद्यः किं भविष्यति ॥

He says also in *Nītivākyāmrta* 32. 30: पुण्यबुद्धमपि नीतिवेदिनो नेच्छन्ति किं पुनः शक्त्युद्धम् । The anonymous commentary cites here the following verse from Vidura. तथा च विदुरः—

पुण्यैरपि न बोद्धव्यं किं पुनर्निमित्तैः करैः । उपाय.....पूर्वं तस्माद्युद्धं समाचरेत् ॥

The verse is not found in the *Viduraṇṭi* incorporated in *Vīramitrodaya* (*Rājantiprakāśa*). There is, however, no doubt that the verse adapted by Somadeva is an old one. Śrīharsa's *Naiṣadhacarita* 4. 81 refers to the idea thus:

महद् नीतिरवाप्तमया ततो न कुसुमैरपि विम्वहमिच्छति ।

Nārāyaṇa in his commentary quotes the line पुण्यैरपि न बोद्धव्यं etc. and adds: इति नीतिः.

The following verse is quoted in *Yasastilaka*, Book III, without mentioning the source. तथा चोक्तं शास्त्रान्तरे—

चारो यस्य विचारश्च राजो नास्तीह जगद्वयम् । तस्माच्चतुर्दशवर्षाण्यं मन्त्रिमाजोरगोचरम् ॥

A reference to the *Nītiśāstras* in general occurs in Book I: नीतिकाशैरिव प्रकाशितसमयोगतीर्थोद्योगैः. The Tirthas are the eighteen agencies with whose help a king governs the state. Śrutasāgara says—उक्तं च—‘सिनापतिर्गणको राजभेदी दण्डाधिपो मन्त्री महत्तरो वक्त्रतारकात्वारो वर्णचतुरश्रफलं पुरोहितोऽमालो महामालयवेल्लहादस राजा तीर्था भवन्ति ।’.

#### SMṚTI WORKS

A considerable number of Smṛti citations occurs in *Yasastilaka*, but most of them are from Manu as shown below. Manu 3. 267–271 on the offering of various kinds of meat in the Śrāddha rites is quoted in Book IV.

विदेर्ग्रीहिबन्धुमैत्रिर्मुकुलकेन च । हस्तेन मार्कं ग्रीवन्ते पिचिबद् पित्रो ब्रूयात् ॥

ह्री मासौ मय्यमासेन ग्रीह मासाद् हस्तिनेन च । ग्रीवमेवाय चतुरः साकुवेनेन पञ्च वै ॥

वक्त्रमात्राङ्गनामोलेन पार्श्वेन द्वि सप्त वै । अग्रवेचस मासेन ग्रीवमेव त्रयेण तु ॥

यस्य मांसंस्तु दुष्पणितं वराहमहिषादिभिः । जघनकूर्मस्य मांसेन मांसानेकादयैश्च तु ॥  
 लोकादहं तु यद्येन पक्षसा पाचयेन वा । चार्द्धाणस्तस्य मांसेन मुक्तिर्हास्यवार्त्तिकी ॥

All the five verses are quoted also by Hemacandra in his *Yogasāstra*, Chap. II. Several verses of Manu (5. 39, 41-2) on the eating of meat and the killing of animals in sacrifices and other rites are quoted in Book IV.

यज्ञार्थं पशवः सुहाः स्वयमेव स्वयंभुवा । बभ्रुो हि भूत्वे सर्वेषां तस्माद्यज्ञे वचोऽवयवः ॥  
 मधुपर्के च यज्ञे च पितृदेवतकर्मणि । अग्नौ पशवो हिंसा नाम्न्यग्नेत्यमबीमभुः ॥  
 पश्वर्थेऽपि पशून् हिंसन् वेदवेदार्थविद्विजः । आत्मानं च पशून्नेव गमयत्युत्तमां गतिम् ॥

The above three verses are quoted also by Hemacandra in *Yogasāstra* (op. cit.) Manu 5. 27, 32 and 56 are also quoted.

प्रोक्षितं भक्षयेन्मांसं ब्राह्मणानां तु काम्यया । यथाविधि नियुक्तस्तु प्राणानामेव चात्यये ॥  
 क्रीत्वा स्वयं वा ह्युत्वाऽपि परोऽहृतमेव च । जघनित्वा पितृन् देवान् कावन् मांसं न दुष्पयति ॥  
 न मांसमक्षणे दोषो न मद्ये न च मैथुने । प्रवृत्तिरेव भूतानां निवृत्तेऽपि महत् फलम् ॥

The following verse is cited in *Yasastilaka* Book VII, section 80.

लोचन्यः पशवो वृक्षास्तिवृक्षाः पक्षिणो नराः । यज्ञार्थं निधनं प्राप्ताः प्राप्नुवन्त्युच्छ्रिता गतिम् ॥

The verse corresponds to Manu 5. 40, but Manu reads *tathā* for *narāḥ*. Somadeva seems to have purposely substituted *narāḥ* for *tathā* to exaggerate the repulsive character of Vedic sacrifices. Certain verses on the duties and character of women are quoted from Manu (5. 155, 154 and 9. 14) in Book IV.

नास्ति स्त्रीणां पृथग्ब्रह्मो न व्रतं नाप्युपोषितम् । पतिं कुभूषयेद्यच्च तेन स्वर्गे महीयते<sup>1</sup> ॥  
 विद्विषः कामवृत्तो वा गुणैर्वा परिवर्जितः । उपवर्षः स्त्रिया साध्व्या सततं देववत् पतिः ॥  
 नैता रूपं प्रतीक्षन्ते नास्ती वयसि संस्थितिः । विद्वर्यं कृपयन्तं वा पुमानित्येव भुञ्जते ॥

The following two verses are cited by Somadeva in Book IV as 'old traditions' (पुरातन्यौ श्रुती):

पौत्रदयाचलवित्तवाचैः श्लोकाश्च स्वभावतः । रक्षिता ब्रह्मतोऽपीह भर्तृष्वेता विदुर्मते ॥  
 वदये च मही स्वका जीवितार्थं च हारितम् । सा मां स्वयति निःश्लोका कः स्त्रीणां बहुमो नरः ॥

Of these the first is Manu 9. 15. The second is cited also in *Pañcatantra* 4. 47 which reads it somewhat differently:

वदये स्वकुलं स्वकं जीवितार्थं च हारितम् । सा मां स्वयति निःश्लोका कः स्त्रीणां विद्वत्सेवराः ॥

The following two verses on renouncing the world and taking to an ascetic's life are cited from Manu (6. 3, 6. 36), the first in Book IV and the second in Book VI, section 5.

संलग्न्य ग्राममाहारं सर्वं वैव परिष्कृतम् । पुत्रेषु दाराक्षित्वे च न गच्छेत् सहैव वा ॥  
 अजीत्य विधिवद्देवान् पुत्रांश्चोत्पाद्य युक्तिः । इहा वद्वे वधाकारं ततः प्रव्रजितो जनेषु ॥

The Manu text reads *dharmataḥ* for *yuktiah* and the second line as इहा च पक्षितो यज्ञेनो मोक्षे निवेशयेत्. The accompanying verse cited in Book VI, section 5:

अनुव्रज्य गतिर्नास्ति स्वर्गो वैव न वैव च । तस्मात् पुत्रकुलं इहा वधाजयति निष्कुरः ॥

1 Here the Manu text reads the second line as पतिं कुभूषये देन तेन स्वर्गे महीयते.

is not found in Manu, and seems to be a *subhāṣita*. It is cited in Böttlingk's *Indische Sprüche* from a *Vikramacarita* and a *Subhāṣitārnava*.

The precept cited in *Yastatīlaka*, Book IV (आत्मानं मततं रक्षेद्वारिणि वनेरपि) is the second line of Manu 7. 218. The verse in question occurs also in *Garuḍa-purāṇa* (Pūrvakhaṇḍa 109. 1). The above citations are all anonymous, but a verse quoted in Book IV (p. 100) is definitely attributed to Vaivasvata Manu and found in the *Manusmṛti* (6. 66):

भूषितोऽपि चरेद्धर्मं यत्र तन्नामने रतः । समः सर्वेषु भूतेषु न लिङ्गं धर्मेकारणम् ॥

It may be noted here that Kullūka reads *dūṣitaḥ* for *bhūṣitaḥ*, but the latter reading is found in Medhātithi and adopted by Jolly in his edition of Manu. The verse in question is found also in *Agnipurāṇa* 161. 11, which however reads शुद्धभावः for भूषितोऽपि.

The following verse on the sufferings in hell of those who kill animals is cited in Book IV as a Purāṇic tradition (इति कथमित्यं पौराणिकी भृतिः):

पावन्ति पशुरोमाणि पशुनाम्नेषु भारत । तावद्भवेत्सहस्राणि पच्यन्ते पशुघातकाः ॥

A similar verse occurs in Manu 5. 38:

पावन्ति पशुरोमाणि तावत्कुर्वो ह मारणम् । दृष्ट्वापशुमः प्राप्नोति प्रेक्ष्य जन्मनि जन्मनि ॥

Somadeva cites the following verse in Book VII, section 80.

महोक्षो वा महाजो वा भोजिष्याद्य विनासते । निवेद्यते तु दिव्याय अक्षुण्णमपि विविचिः ॥

There is a similar verse in Yājñavalkya 1. 109 (Ānandāśrama ed.), but the second line in it is entirely different.

महोक्षं वा महाजं वा भोजिष्याद्योपकल्पयेद् । सतिवाज्ज्वासनं स्वादुभोजनं सुपूतं ययः ॥

The following verses are cited anonymously in Book IV. तदुक्तम्—

विमत्सरः कुपेकाङ्गः सर्वद्वन्द्वविभर्जितः । समः सर्वेषु भूतेषु स पतिः परिकीर्तितः ॥

आपन्नानं व्रतस्थानं मज्जनानं तथैव च । आपन्नानं गृहस्थस्य व्रतमन्वेष्टापत्तिनः ॥

न क्षीभिः संगमो यस्त यः परे ब्रह्मणि स्थितः । तं क्षुभिं सर्वदा प्राहुर्मातुलं च हुताद्ययम् ॥ इति. P. 110

उक्तं च—

तिक्तसर्वपमानं यो मांसमश्नाति मानवः । स यज्जातं निवर्तेत पावकश्चन्द्रविवाक्यो ॥

संदिग्धेऽपि परकोके स्वाज्यमेवाहुमं दुधैः । यदि न क्षातः किं सादृशि चेत्तादृशो हतः ॥ P. 115

तथा च स्थितिः—

सप्तमामेष्टु यद् पापमग्निना मज्जसाकृते । यत्र चेतन्येषु पापं मनुषिन्दुनिवेद्यताम् ॥ P. 116

The following verses are cited in Book IV as an illustration of alleged contradictory statements found in Smṛti texts. The first verse, for example, condemns the acceptance by Brāhmanas of food or livelihood from Śādras, whereas the second verse permits Brāhmanas to accept even the flesh of animals killed by Cāṇḍālas, dogs and tigers for use in religious rites.

तथा मांसं चक्षुःशब्दकम्पवादिनिपातितम् । ब्राह्मणेन ग्रहीतव्यं इत्यकम्पवाय कर्त्तव्ये ॥ P. 119

अत्राहं ब्रह्मसंस्कृतं ब्रह्मेणैव सहासकम् । ब्रह्मज्ज्ञानागमः कश्चिज्जलमपि पातयेत् ॥

कृष्णार्धैः सारमेयाधैर्हतं युगादिमाहरेत् । एतच्छाकवर्दिष्णुन्ति पवित्रं द्विजसत्तमाः ॥

## ELPHANT-LORE

1 See *Parāśaradharmasamhitā*, Vol. III, Part I (*Bombay Sanskrit Series*).

३ 'नियमश्चातिशयावहेलितपुरुषपुत्रोमपुरुषसिपाठकाप्यकालायनमतिजातम्'

Kane: *The History of Dharmatāstra*, Vol. I, p. 213ff.

४ वाक्प्राणश्च वायश्च वा इयं तिस्रणः ।



Rājaputra, Gautama and other sages. The committee of experts appointed to examine and select an elephant for Yaśodhara's coronation is described as having mastered the treatises of these writers. None of their works is now extant, but it is remarkable that so many texts on elephants were available in the tenth century. Some of the names occur in a long list of sages who are represented as attending the court of Romapāda, the king of the Aṅgas, in Pālakāpya's *Hastyāyurveda* (Chap. I), an ancient work of which we have only an imperfect text in the printed edition. These sages are described in Pālakāpya as conversant with the ways of elephants,<sup>1</sup> and we find mentioned among them Gautama, Rājaputra, Bāskali (v. r. Vākvali, Vākpati), Yājñavalkya, Nārada and Mātanga. The latter name might be our Ibhaśarin, as the *Mātangalīla* of Nīlakaṇṭha, which summarizes this portion of Pālakāpya in the first Paṭala, calls one of the sages Mātangaśarin, which is same as Ibhaśarin.<sup>2</sup>

The nature of Somadeva's reference leaves no doubt that there were actual treatises on elephants attributed to Gautama, Yājñavalkya and Nārada, but it is not known whether these authors had anything to do with their namesakes in the field of Smṛti literature. As regards Rājaputra, he seems to be the same as the Rājaputra whom we know as a writer on politics from citations in the anonymous commentary on *Nītivākyaṁṛta*. According to Kane,<sup>3</sup> Rājaputra is cited also in Ballālasena's *Adbhūtasāgara*, but Somadeva's reference to him is about two centuries earlier, and probably the earliest known, if we leave aside the occurrence of the name in Pālakāpya. Among later writers Mallinātha cites Rājaputra's treatise on elephant-lore in his commentary on *Raghuvamśa* 4. 89.<sup>4</sup>

In Book II Somadeva describes the young prince Yaśodhara as being proficient in elephant lore like Romapāda,<sup>5</sup> to whom we have already referred. In Pālakāpya's *Hastyāyurveda* (Chap. I) he is stated to be the king of the Aṅgas, and we see him at his court at Campā, attended by a large number of sages, and worried by the problem of catching wild elephants. Then appears the semi-legendary figure of Pālakāpya, the great authority on the diseases of elephants and their cure; and throughout the rest of the work Romapāda is represented as the pupil of the famous teacher. According to the *Hastyāyurveda*, Pālakāpya was the son of a sage named Sāmagāyana and a female elephant who was no other than a nymph metamorphosed by a

1 वृक्षमन्त्रोद्दिष्टः 1. 67.

2 See verse 5.

3 Op. cit., p. 341.

4 'लघुवेदाङ्गोपितकाङ्ग्यासक कथयति । ज्ञातार्थं चो न जानाति तस्य जन्मनिवेदिता ॥ इति राजपुत्रीये

5 'दिवस्य त्वं लघुवेदाङ्ग'

course. The home of the sage was on the side of the Himalayas on the banks of the Lauhitya or the Brahmaputra, which points to north-eastern Assam where the river is still called Luit. From here Pālākāpya wandered to Campā in search of a favourite herd of elephants, which had been driven away by Romapāda and his troops in the absence of the sage. We are further told that, at the request of Romapāda, Pālākāpya decided to settle at Campā, and the king caused a hermitage to be laid out for the sage in the outskirts of the city. The tradition of Pālākāpya and Romapāda as teacher and pupil is recorded also in *Agnipurāṇa*, chapters 286 and 387. Nilakaṇṭha says in his *Mātṛgaṇṭhā* 12. 29 that *roman*, according to the old teachers, means a lotus, and Romapāda was so called because his feet were marked with figures of lotuses.

#### PHILOSOPHICAL CITATIONS

Most of the philosophical citations are anonymous, and occur towards the end of Book V and in Book VI, sections 1 and 2. They have been considered in Chap. VIII and IX, and some of them are reproduced below. There are at least two quotations from the Upaniṣads. “न ह वै क्षारीरस्य त्रियाश्विनोरपहतिरसि । अक्षरीरे वाच सन्तं न त्रियाश्विने स्तुतः ।” Book V, p. 254.

एक एव हि ब्रूतास्मा देहे देहे व्यवस्थितः । एकस्यानेकया चापि दृश्यते सकलम्भवत् ॥ VI. 1

The first is from the *Chāndogya Upaniṣad* VIII. 12. 1. The second occurs in various texts, e. g., *Brahmabindūpaniṣad*, *Amṛtabindūpaniṣad* etc. with slight variations. Śaṅkara in his *Bhāṣya* on the *S'vetāśvataropaniṣad* 1. 8 quotes the verse from *Vāsiṣṭha Yogasāstra*.

The following definition of the fundamental doctrine of the Vedānte in *Yasastilaka* VI. 1, namely, “यथा वदविष्टने वदाकाशमाकाशीभवति तथा देशोच्छेदात् सर्वः प्राणी नरे ब्रह्मविजिग्यते” reminds one of *Avadhūtagītā* 2. 25 :

वदे निते वदाकाश आकाशे लीयते यथा । देशभावे तथा योगी लक्षणे परमात्मनि ॥

Somadeva remarks in Book V (P. 254) : कथं वेदं वचनमजर्यम्—

समलोपु वस्तुष्वनुस्यूतमेकं समलानि वस्तूनि यं न स्तुताम्भि ।

विषयव सदा बुद्धिमद् वस्तुत्वं स तिर्योपकल्पिः स निलोऽहमात्मा ॥

The verse occurs in the well-known Vedāntic text *Hasṭamalaka*, commented upon by Śaṅkara, which declares the Self to be identical with intelligence. Printed editions usually read the second line as follows :

.....बुद्धमवस्तुत्वं स तिर्योपकल्पिः स निलोऽहमात्मा ॥

The following verses are cited in Book V (p. 252) in illustration of Buddhist doctrines.

यः पश्यन्नात्मनो यथाकामि नयति सारथीः शीघ्रः । तेषाम् सुखेषु सुखीः सुखा दीपशिरस्तुते ॥  
आत्मनि सति सारथीः सारथीभार्याय वसिष्ठमुपैत । अथोः संप्रतिवृत्तः सर्वे शोभाः प्रजापत्ये ॥

The first verse is quoted also in Haribhadra's *Anekāntajayapatākā* (p. 33) and the second in *Nyāyabandali* (p. 279). Other Buddhist verses quoted by Somadeva are: तदाह—

यथा शौहृदवादीपः प्रज्ञानमति विरज्यतः । तथा क्लेशकृच्छ्राण्युः प्रज्ञानमति विरज्यतः ॥ Book V

तदुक्तम्—

वेदमामास्यं कस्यपि कर्तुंवायः जाने कर्मणा वातिवादावलेपः ।  
संसाधारणः क्लेशवासाय वेति अक्षयप्रज्ञायां पञ्च सिद्धानि काये ॥

The following verses seem to be quoted from Āśvaghoṣa's *Saundarananda* XVI, 28, 29 wherein the lines appear in a somewhat different order. तदुक्तम्—

दिशं न कांचिद्विशं न कांचिसौवाचिं गच्छति नाम्परिक्षम् ।  
दीपो यथा निर्भूतिसम्पुपेतः शौहृदवात् केवकमेति स्माम्पितम् ॥  
दिशं न कांचिद्विशं न कांचिसौवाचिं गच्छति नाम्परिक्षम् ।  
जीवस्यथा निर्भूतिसम्पुपेतः क्लेशवात् केवकमेति स्माम्पितम् ॥<sup>1</sup>

The statement of the doctrines of the Laukāyatikas put in the mouth of Yaśodhara's mother in Book IV is taken almost verbatim from the *Kāmasūtra* I. 2. 25-30. Somadeva says “न चर्माश्वरेत् एभ्यःकलत्वात् संशयितत्वाच्च । को स्यात्कालो हस्तगतं पादगतं कुर्यात् । वरमय कपोतः श्वो मयूरात् । वरं सांशयिकादिष्कादसांशयिकः कार्षापणः” इति महान् खलु लोके लौकायतिकलोककोलाहलः । (p. 12). It may be pointed out that Vātsyāyana reads *paragatam* for *pādगतam* and simply says इति लौकायतिकाः.

The following verse cited by Somadeva in VI. 1 to illustrate the power of Bhāvanā to represent all things clearly is cited also by Anantavīrya in his commentary on *Parīkṣāmukhasūtra* (*Pratyakṣoddeśa*). तदुक्तम्—

विहिते कारागारे तमसि च सूचिमुक्तामभिर्भेद्ये । मयि च निरीक्षितनयने तथापि काम्पाजनं व्यवहृतम् ॥

Patañjali's *Yogasūtras* 1. 24-26 are quoted in VI. 1, 2.

‘क्लेशकमेविपाकाद्यैरपरामृष्टः पुरुषविशेष ईश्वरस्य निरतिशयं सर्वज्ञबीजम्’ इति पतञ्जलिजल्पितम् । तदाह पतञ्जलिः—‘स पूर्वेषामपि गुरुः कालेनानवच्छेदात् ।’

The following verse is quoted in Book V and VI. 1 where it is attributed to Avadhūta.

देवदेवमप्रतिद्वर्त सहजो विरामस्तृप्तिर्नित्यमजनिता वसितेन्द्रियेषु ।  
वाच्यमित्येकं सुखमनावरणा च सक्तिज्ञानं च सर्वविषयं सगन्धस्पर्श ॥ इत्यवधूताभिधाने.....

The verse is not found in the *Avadhūtagītā*. It is quoted and attributed to Avadhūta also in Anantavīrya's commentary on *Parīkṣāmukhasūtra* (op. cit.). A very similar verse is quoted from *Vāyupurāṇa* in Vācaspatimīśra's

<sup>1</sup> Āśvaghoṣa reads दीपो यथा निर्भूतिसम्पुपेतो दीवाचिं गच्छति नाम्परिक्षम् । दिशं न कांचिद्विशं न कांचिद्वेदमामास्यं कस्यपि कर्तुंवायः । etc.; further, he reads वरं मयूरात् for जीवस्यथा.

commentary on the *Vyāsabhāṣya* on *Yogasūtras* 1. 25. It is cited also in Udayana's *Nyāyakusumāñjali* (Chap. 5), and occurs in *Iśvaragītā* (*Kūrmapurāṇa*, *Uparibhāga*, 8. 12).

सर्वज्ञता तृप्तिरवादिषोऽयः स्वतन्त्रता नित्यमनुसक्तः । अनन्तशक्तिः विमोर्धिषिज्ञः पञ्चाक्षरानि महेश्वरस्य ॥  
The verse occurs also in *Sivapurāṇa* (*Vidyēśvarasāhita*) 16. 13 which reads the last two lines thus :

अनन्तशक्तिः महेश्वरस्य वर्तमानसैश्वर्यमवति वेदः ॥

Avadhūta seems to have been a Śaiva philosopher. The following verse is attributed to him in Śrikumāra's commentary on Bhoja's *Tattvaparakāśa* 1. 15. शक्तिद्वयं च भगवतावधूतपादेनोक्तम्—

व्रजति काचिदपि शक्तिरनुसक्तः क्षेत्रज्ञमर्तिहता तत्र पाशजालैः ।

ज्ञानासिना च विनिर्मुक्त्य गुणानशेषान्मया करोत्यभिमुखं पुरुषं विमुक्तौ ॥

Somadeva quotes a number of verses from little known Śaiva texts in Book V (pp. 251, 255). तदाह—

प्रपञ्चरहितं शास्त्रं प्रपञ्चरहितो गुरुः । प्रपञ्चरहितं ज्ञानं प्रपञ्चरहितः शिवः ॥ तदाह—

शिवं शक्तिविनाशोऽयं वे वाञ्छन्ति नराधमाः । ते भूमिरहितादीनां सन्तु नूनं फलोत्तमाः ॥

अशिवत् सर्वमज्ञोऽपि भवमक्तिपराधमः । भुक्तिं जीवन्वाप्नोति भुक्तिं तु कथंते मृतः ॥

अद्वैतिग्रहाभ्याम्ताच्छिवात् परमकारणात् । नादरूपं समुत्पन्नं शास्त्रं परमदुर्लभम् ॥ Quoted also in VI.2

भोग्यामाहुः पशुतिशुचयेतनाशक्तिसून्या मोक्षा नैना परिणमयितुं बन्धवर्ती समर्थः ।

भोग्येऽप्यश्विन् भवति मिथुने पुष्कलस्य हेतुर्नीलघ्नीव स्वमति भुवनस्वापनासुखचारः ॥

The following controversial verse directed against the central conception of Śaivism is cited twice in Book V and in VI. 2. तदुक्तम्—

यका नैव सदासिद्धो विकरन्तस्मात् परो रागवान् द्वैविध्यद्वयं तृतीयमिति केतकस्य हेतोरभूत् ।

शास्त्रा वेत् परकीयया कथमसौ तद्वानसंभवतः संबन्धोऽपि न जायतीति भवतां शास्त्रं निराकम्बलम् ॥

The following verse quoted by Somadeva in Book V is cited from Lakṣmīdhara's *Kṛtyakalpataṛu* (*Rājadharmakāṇḍa*) XIV. 160. तदाह—

विशिर्विज्ञाता निवतिः स्वभावः काको ग्रहभेदरदैवकर्म ।

पुण्यानि भार्यानि तथा कृतान्तः सर्वाण्यमानि पुराकृतस्य ॥

A reference to Kumārila occurs in Book V. कथमिदमुदाहारी कुमारिकेन—

विशुद्धज्ञानवेदाय त्रिवेदीदिभ्यश्चक्षुषे । श्रेयःमाप्तिनिश्चिताय नमः सोमार्चचारित्र्ये ॥

It is the initial verse of Kumārila's *Slokavārtika*.

The following verses are quoted from Jaina texts in Book VI, section 21. उक्तं च—

आसन्नमन्मताकर्महानिसंश्लिखन्नुपपरिणामाः । सम्बन्धहेतुरन्तर्बाह्योऽप्युपदेशकश्चिद् ॥

उक्तं च—

अनुविष्टपेक्षावाप्तिसिद्धिं सदैवतः । इति पूर्वव्यवेक्षावाप्तिसिद्धिं स्वपीडयात् ॥

इत्यर्थं तदाह—

आह्वयार्थसमुपपदेनाय स्वपीडनसंज्ञेयात् । शिखारार्थान्मा भवमवपरमावादितां च ॥

The second verse occurs in Samantabhadra's *Aptamīmāṃsā*. The third verse is from Guṇabhadra's *Ātmānuśāsana*, and explained by Somadeva in detail. Another verse from Guṇabhadra's *Ātmānuśāsana* is cited in Book VII, section 26. सुखम्—

परिग्रहमेव कारयन्नाहुः सङ्गु दुष्करापरयोः कुलकाः । तस्मात् पुण्योपचयः पापापचयश्च सुखितेव ॥

Guṇabhadra wrote towards the end of the ninth century, and it is remarkable that he counted as an authoritative writer by the middle of the tenth century. A reference to the great Jaina logician and philosophical writer Akalaṃka occurs in Book II.<sup>1</sup> He flourished about the eighth century A. D.<sup>2</sup> and wrote *Tattvārthahṛdayavārtikālaṃkāra*, *Nyāyaviniśaya* and other works.

#### MEDICAL AUTHORITIES

In *Yatastilaka* 3. 328 Somadeva refers to the opinions of several ancient medical writers about the right time for taking the principal meal of the day. They are Cārāyaṇa, Nimi, Dhīṣaṇa and Caraka.

चारायणो निमिः निमिः पुनरुत्काले मध्ये दिवस विचक्षणकः प्रभाते ।

मुक्तिं जवाद् दृष्टे मम यैव सर्गसखाः स एव समयः सुखितो नदीव ॥

A casual reference to Caraka occurs also in Book VI, section 10: 'अमिनवचनमनोहास-वचनागदप्रयोगचरकमहारक'. Nimi is a very ancient authority, being quoted in *Caraka-saṃhitā* (*Sūtrasthāna*, Chap. 26). He is described as the king of Videha: 'सप्त रसा इति निमिर्वेदेः, मधुराम्लकषयकटुतिक्तवाचक्षाराः'। Nimi is quoted also in *Aṣṭāṅgahṛdaya* of Vāgbhaṭa II,<sup>3</sup> Kṣīrasvāmin's commentary on the *Amarakoṣa* 2. 5 28, Dāhaṇa's commentary on *Suśrutasaṃhitā*<sup>4</sup> and other works. Cārāyaṇa can hardly be called a medical writer. In Vātsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* 1. 1. 12 Cārāyaṇa is said to have treated the general section of the *Kāmasūtra* of Bābhavya Pāñcāla in a separate treatise. It is noteworthy that the opinion of Cārāyaṇa referred to by Somadeva is actually found in Vātsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* 1. 4. 20: 'साय चारायणस्य'. As explained in the *Jayamaṅgalā* commentary, Cārāyaṇa recommends eating in the forenoon and the evening and not in the forenoon and the afternoon, as advised by Vātsyāyana. A number of verses from Cārāyaṇa is quoted in the anonymous commentary on Somadeva's *Nītvākyāṃṛta*, but as they are on Nīti, it is difficult to say whether the two Cārāyaṇas are identical.

1 'अकलङ्कमेव इव प्रमाणशास्त्रम्'

2 Hiralal: *Catalogue of Sanskrit and Prākṛit Manuscripts in O. P. and Berar*, p. XXVIII.

3 See list of authors cited in N. S. Edition.

4 See list of authors cited in N. S. edition.

In Book II the young prince Yaśodhara is declared to be well-versed in the art of healing, like Kāśīrāja.<sup>1</sup> Kāśīrāja is explained by the commentator as Dhanvantari. According to a tradition preserved in the *Harivaṃśa* (Parva I, Chap. 23), in the dynasty of Kāśa king Dhanva had a son named Dhanvantari, said to be an incarnation of the divine physician of that name on account of his knowledge of medical lore. In the same line of kings Divodāsa came two generations after Dhanvantari, and it is remarkable that at the beginning of the *Suśruta-saṃhitā* Suśruta and other sages are described as being instructed in medical lore by Divodāsa Dhanvantari, the king of Benares: अथ सद्गुणमन्तमन्त्रवरमृषिगणपरिहृतमाश्रमस्थं काशिराजं दिवोदासवन्तरीमौपघेनम्...सुश्रुतप्रभृतय ऊचुः। 'Dhanvantari' is here explained by Dalhana as 'an expert in surgery,'<sup>2</sup> and it is clear that Divodāsa, like his ancestor, was an expert in the art of healing and had the epithet Dhanvantari attached to his name. Divodāsa is described in the *Harivaṃśa* (op. cit., verse 29) as the king of Benares, and in the *Mahābhārata* (*Anuśāsanaparva* 80. 16 Cal. ed.) he is said to have founded the city. It appears that an ancient line of kings ruled in the country round about Benares, and both Dhanvantari and Divodāsa belonging to this dynasty were famous as medical authorities and known as Kāśīrāja. The *Harivaṃśa* (op. cit., verses 26-7) tells us that Kāśīrāja Dhanvantari learnt the *Āyurveda* from Bhāradvāja, and dividing it into eight sections taught them to his disciples.

तस्य गेहे समुत्पन्नो देवो बन्धुवन्तरीसुतः । काशिराजो महाराज सर्वरोगप्रणाशनः ॥

काशुर्वेदं भरद्वाजम् प्राप्त्वेह निषङ्गं क्रियाम् । सप्तहवा पुनर्वर्त्य सिष्येभ्यः प्रत्यपादयत् ॥

Dhanvantari is cited as an authority in the *Carakasamhitā* (*Sātrasthāna* 6. 21), *Aṣṭāṅgahrdaya*<sup>3</sup> and other works. For a fuller discussion of the problem of Dhanvantari the reader may refer to the learned Sanskrit Introduction to the Nirṇayasagar edition of the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*.

#### WRITERS AND TREATISES ON PAINTING, SCULPTURE, GEMS ETC.

A work on painting called *Citrakarma* ascribed to Prajāpati is quoted in Book IV. प्रजापतिप्रोक्ते च चित्रकर्मणि—

जगन्मं तैरुक्तिस्तान् नवनिर्मितिमिदं तु यम् । यो लिखेत् स लिखेत् सर्वां पृथ्वीमपि सत्तामरात् ॥

A work on sculpture called *Adityamata* is quoted in the same Book. आदित्यमते च—

मन्वीजादुरमयना महमहाप्रातिहार्यविभवसमेताः । ते देवा दत्ताकाः सोपा देवाः मन्वीज नवताकाः ॥

A work on gems called *Ratnaparikṣā* is quoted in Book V.

1 'काशिराज इव शरीरोपचारेण'

2 'सद्गुणं सत्यशार्धं तस्य जन्तं पारम्भं स्वर्णिं गन्धवीति बन्धुवन्तरीः तस्य'

3 See list of authors cited in N. S. edition.

सुवर्ण रत्नसौकर्यात्—

न केवलं रत्नसौकर्यस्य मन्वे प्रजापतयि तद्विभूतिः । यदीयवान् वरतः सदाहि सर्वानगर्वाद् विदुषीकरोति ॥  
The work cited by Somadeva is Buddhabhaṭṭa's *Ratnaparikṣā*, and the verse is found in the text edited by Finot in *Les Lapidaires Indiens* (Paris, 1896). The work is incorporated in *Garuḍapurāṇa* (*Pārvakhanda*, chapters 68–80) without acknowledgement. The verse cited by Somadeva is also found among the verses quoted from *Garuḍapurāṇa* in Bhoja's *Yuktikalpataru* in the section on gems. It may be noted that *Garuḍapurāṇa* as well as the other two texts (with slight variations) read मन्वेः प्रजापतयि तस्य जन्म for मन्वे प्रजापतयि तद्विभूतिः recorded by Somadeva. In Book II the young Yaśodhara is described as an expert in the examination of gems, like Śukanāsa, who seems to be an ancient authority on gems.<sup>1</sup>

Reference to writers on elephants has been made in a preceding section. In Book II Yaśodhara is compared to Raivata in the mastery of the science of horses.<sup>2</sup> That there were works on the subject in the tenth century is shown by the reference to the *ācāryaparīṣad* 'committee of experts' appointed to select a horse on the occasion of Yaśodhara's coronation in Book II and the use of technical terms. But Raivata is explained in the commentary as the son of the Sun, and appears to be a mythological figure. He is the same as the god Revanta mentioned in *Brhatsamhitā* 58. 56, according to which his image should be represented as riding a horse, surrounded by a hunting party.

A quotation from *Brhatsamhitā*, Chap. 60, occurs in Book IV. वराह-  
मिहिरस्याहते प्रतिष्ठापान्ते च—

विष्णोर्भागवता मयात्र सवितुर्विद्या विदुर्भाषणां मातृणामिति मातृमण्डकविदः कांभोः समस्ता द्विजाः ।  
काकवाः सर्वद्विजाश्च सान्त्वयन्मनो नम्रा जिवानां विदुर्न च देवमुपासिताः स्वप्रिथिना ते तस्य कुतुः क्रियात् ॥

A verse from *Nimittādhyaṃya* occurs in the same Book. निमित्ताध्याये च—

पश्चिमी राजहंसश्च निद्रैश्चात्र लपोचनाः । च देवमुपसर्पन्ति सुमित्रं तत्र निर्दिशेत् ॥

A verse from *Svapnādhyaṃya* is quoted in Book VI, section I: न चायं सत्यसप्तोऽप्रसिद्धः  
सप्तम्यावेऽस्तीत्युपसिद्धत्वात् । तथा हि—

वस्तु पश्यति रात्र्यन्ते राजानं कुतरे इवम् । कुतरे इवमं गां च कुतुम् तस्य चपेते ॥

There is a *Svapnādhyaṃya* in thirtyfive verses in *Matsyapurāṇa* (Chap. 242), but it does not contain the above verse which, however, occurs in the *Svapnādhyaṃya* included in *Agnipurāṇa* (Chap. 229). Two interesting references to *Svapnādhyaṃya* or the science of dreams occur in *Lalitavistara*. In

<sup>1</sup> सुवर्णरत्न रत्नसौकर्यात्

<sup>2</sup> रैवत इव यजमाने



Chap. 12 it is mentioned among the branches of study in which the Bodhisattva distinguished himself. In chap. 6 we find mentioned a class of people whose vocation seems to have been the interpretation of dreams, being styled as *सप्ताध्यायीपाठक*.

A reference to the science of arms occurs in Book III, the *Dhanurveda* being described as occupying the highest place among treatises on the *āyudhasiddhānta*. It is, however, doubtful whether the verse 8. 465 is a citation from the Dhanurveda. Somadeva says

वाचस्मिन् भुवि सक्ताणि तेषां भेदतरं वज्रः । वज्रुषां गोचरे तानि न तेषां गोचरो वज्रः ॥  
इत्यायुषसिदान्तमप्यासादितसिहनादादनुर्वेदायुषस्तुल्यः.....

A *Pañcatantra* is mentioned in Book VII, section 31, but it is doubtful whether it has anything to do with the wellknown book of tales: 'पञ्चतन्त्रादिकास्मिन्तुल्यचन उग्रसेनो नाम सचिवः ।' It is noteworthy that a marginal note in Ms. A explains *pañcatantra* as *tarkavyākaraṇādi*.

In the same section of Book VII the following verse is attributed to 'those who are well-versed in the Purāṇas'. वदन्ति पुराणविदः—

विष्णुगुरोः कलत्रेण गोतमस्यामरेवरः । संतनोन्नापि दुर्बलो समगल पुरा किं ॥

Casual references to the Tripiṭaka and the treatise of Bharata occur in the description of the Jaina temple in Book V. 'पिटकत्रयपदसिद्धिं योगचारगोचरा', 'भरतपदवीं विधिलयनाम्नाम्बरा'.

Dattaka, an ancient authority on erotic lore, is mentioned in Book II.<sup>1</sup> In Vātsyāyana's *Kāmasūtra* 1. 1. 11 Dattaka is said to have treated the section on courtesans of the *Kāmasūtra* of Bābhavya Pāñcāla in a separate treatise, being employed for the purpose by the courtesans of Pāṭaliputra. It may also be mentioned that a *Kāmasūtra* is mentioned at least twice by Somadeva, but without any reference to Vātsyāyana or any other author. 'न क्लमश्चिरपरिचितकामसूत्रायाः कालिकादिकरणोदाहरणानाम्' Book I, 'द्युत्तारद्विपिमिहदाहृतकामसूत्रम्' 1. 78.

A number of popular or moral verses is quoted by Somadeva without mentioning the source (Book VII, sections 27, 28, 29; Books IV & VII; Book VI, sections 5, 6, 10, 13, 15, 16, 17 and 19):

पादमापाश्विर्नि कुर्वात् पादं विचाय कल्पयेत् । अमोपमोगमोः पादं पादं भवेत्परोक्षमे ॥ इति पुण्यश्लोकः<sup>2</sup>  
भवति चात्र श्लोकः—अवैरपि समर्थैः सात् सहायविजयी वृषः । कार्वाणान्मोहि कुण्ठक दण्डस्त्रक परिच्छेदः ॥  
भवति चात्र श्लोकः—अस्थाने वज्रकलाणां भराणां मुक्तं हयम् । परत्र दुर्गतिर्दीर्घा दुष्कीर्तिर्ब्रह्म साधनी ॥  
न प्रतमस्त्रिप्रहृष्टं साकपयोमूलमैकधर्मा वा । प्रतमेतदुच्यतेधियामङ्गीकृतवस्तुनिर्बहणम् ॥  
भवति चात्र श्लोकः—अवसावविहीनस्य वृथा प्रतप्तमुच्यते । पुंसः स्वभावमीरोः साधनं दीर्घायुवृद्धयः ॥

1 'दत्तक इव कन्तुसिद्धान्तोपु'

2 Cf. चतुर्वा विमजे भोगे, तने मिथ्यानि गन्धति, एकेन भोगे मुजेय, द्वीदि कर्म एवोयदे, = इत्यथ विचारयेत्, आपराधं नविस्सवीति । *Dīgha Nīkāya XXXI. 26.*

भवति चात्र श्लोकः—अरिपुत्रमिवाहसत्सोपितयेवसात् । उभौ कामदुषी कोकी कीर्तिभाष्यं जगत्प्रपन्नम् ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—कठे कैकसिर्वैसिङ्गं द्रुवा मन्त्रं वदितुमिति । तस्यैव काचं यन्माम्पश्यौ चो देवाय वापुः ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—विष्णुहमन्त्रं पुंसां वरिष्ठेदपस्तस्यमात् । किं कुर्वन्ति कृता विज्ञाः सदाचारसिद्धेः शक्यैः ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—अन्तःसारकरीरेषु शिलावैवाहितेद्वितम् । किं न कादृशिसंयोगः अर्णस्वाय तद्वत्प्रमत्ति ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—दुष्कर्मणः शीकर्मणः काम्याकोपशितोपिशाकोपः । दुष्कर्मजन्म स्वजन्मः कामविदूरे नरे भवति ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—दुष्कर्म वा पापं वा यत्काले जन्मुपा द्रुतापरिकम् । तत्फलमने तस्य हि सुखं च दुःखं च बोधयति ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—सद्यस्तं सज्जानेन वदितुं मञ्जीमन्त्रम् । यत्कालान्तेः क्वचं पूर्वं परमाद्युभयेद्विनात् ॥  
 सद्यस्तं जन्मुपेदितं दुर्गन्धः सज्जनं द्विषत् । बोधयितुं हेतुकामेकः किमसौ न प्रयेद्वयः ॥

All the verses cited above occur in the two Books of *Yastilaka* containing the moral and religious stories. Besides, at the end of each story is quoted a verse containing a summing up of the story in question, and these verses seem to belong to Jaina Kathānaka literature, and are probably quoted from earlier texts. One such verse (Book VII, section 24)

पुद्गलस्यः किमेकस्य क्वचं दूरमनोद्वयौ । महामत्स्यस्य कर्णस्यः स्मृतिदोषाद्व्योमतः ॥

is, for example, found in Jāṭasirhanandi's *Vardāṅgacarita* 5. 108. Specimens of summary verses of this type are quoted below (from Books VI & VII):

भवति चात्र श्लोकः—कादम्बराक्षर्गोसिंहपीठाधिपतिषु स्वयम् । आगतेष्वन्त्यभूत्सैवा रैवती मृहतावती ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—सुदतीसंनवाक्षकं पुष्पम्द्वयं उपस्थितम् । वारिषेणः कृतत्राणः स्वापयामास संवसे ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः—चण्डोऽवन्तिषु मातङ्गः पितृवत्सल निवृत्तितः । अत्यन्तकाकमाविन्वाः प्रपेदे यक्षमुक्त्वताम् ॥  
 भवति चात्र श्लोकः सर्वावः—

पञ्चकृत्यः किमेकस्य मत्स्यस्यार्हिसनात् दुरा । अभूत् यन्मायदोऽतीत्य जमकीर्तिः पतिः शिवः ॥



## APPENDIX I

### SOMADEVA AND THE PRATIHARA COURT OF KANAUJ

A statement in the anonymous commentary on Somadeva's *Nītivākyaṃrta* appears to show that the work was written at the instance of a king of Kanauj named Mahendradeva or Mahendrapāladeva. The commentator, whose date is unknown, mentions, however, a Jaina monk named Municandra as the author of *Nītivākyaṃrta*, and describes Somadeva as his guru.<sup>1</sup> This is, of course, contrary to all that we know about Somadeva who gives a lot of information about himself in the colophons to his *Yasastilaka* and *Nītivākyaṃrta*.

It has recently been suggested by some scholars<sup>2</sup> that Somadeva may have passed some time at Kanauj; and, during his sojourn there, he was encouraged to compose his *Nītivākyaṃrta* by Mahendrapāla I (circa 898-907 A. D.), or more probably, by Mahendrapāla II who is known to have reigned about the middle of the tenth century A. D. The Partabgarh Inscription of the time of Mahendrapāla II of Kanauj is, for instance, dated *Samvat* 1003 = 946 A. D. (*Ep. Ind.* Vol. XIV, pp. 176-188). But the supposed connection of Somadeva with the Pratihāra court of Kanauj can hardly be accepted as a historical fact; as, unlike his association with the Deccan, it is mentioned neither in the colophons to his works nor in the Parbhani inscription.

It has been suggested that the following acrostic verse found at the end of the first Book of *Yasastilaka* contains a veiled reference to Mahendrapāla.

सोऽयमाचार्यितयका महेन्द्रामरमान्यधीः । देवाते संततानन्दं वस्तुमीदं जिनाधिपः ॥

The first letter of each foot of the verse gives, when combined, the name Somadeva, as pointed out in Śrutasāgara's commentary; but it is extremely doubtful if there is any word-play in the expression *mahendramara-mānya-dhīh* leading to the surmise that *Mahendramara* stands for Mahendradeva or Mahendrapāla. Apart from the fact that the commentator is not aware of any such word-play, *Mahendramara* might very well refer to Mahendradeva, the elder brother of Somadeva, mentioned in the colophon to his *Nītivākyaṃrta*.

As pointed out elsewhere, Yaśodeva, the spiritual ancestor of Somadeva, belonged to the Devasaṃgha, according to the latter's own statement in *Yasastilaka*; but, according to the Parbhani inscription, Yaśodeva belonged to the Gaudasaṃgha. It is possible that the Gaudasaṃgha was connected with the Gauda country, and Yaśodeva may have lived there. It is also possible that the Gaudasaṃgha, after its migration from Bengal, came to be known as

1 'तथा स्वगुरोः सोमदेवस्य च प्रणामपूर्वकं शास्त्रस्य उत्कर्तृत्वं स्थापयितुं.....मुनिचन्द्रमित्रानः प्रणमकृतवर्त्ता नीतिवाक्यामृतकर्त्ता'

2 See Raghavan in *New Indian Antiquary*, Vol. VI, p. 67 and Pt. Premi in *Jaina Siddhanta Bhāṣaka*, vol. XI, p. 90.

Devasaṅgha, the name used by Somadeva. The latter was, however, the disciple not of Yaśodeva, but of Nemideva; and except for one solitary reference, he alone is mentioned in all the colophons occurring in *Yasastilaka* and *Nivāḍyāmṛta*. In the present state of our knowledge, there is no reason to suppose that Somadeva or his teacher Nemideva ever migrated from the Gauḍa country to Kanauj and thence to the Deccan.

The term *Gauḍa* in Gaudasaṅgha is not without some ambiguity. In south Kanara there is a class of people called *Gauḍas* who are farmers and labourers and speak the Tulu or the Kannada language. They are generally Hindus, but some are Jains. They have a regular system of village government; in every village, for instance, there are two head-men, the *Grāma-Gauḍa* and the *Vattu* or *Gottu Gauḍa*.<sup>1</sup> It will not be surprising if the Gauḍasaṅgha has something to do with the *Gauḍas*. In the latter sense the word is derived from *gāvunḍa* (*farmer*) changing into *gaunḍa* or *gauḍa*; and it also means the village headman.

The Mysore inscriptions throw further light on the *Gauḍas*. Some of the petty rulers of Mysore belonged to the *Gauḍa* caste or community. 'The Āvati-nāḍ Prabhus were *Gauḍas* or farmers of the Morasu-wokkal tribe, who came from the east in the fifteenth century and settled in the Āvati village'; and 'their immediate descendants became founders of the modern States in eastern Mysore which were subordinate to Vijayanagar. The leader of the Āvati Prabhus was named Baire-Gauḍa, and the inscriptions of the family date from 1428 to 1792.' 'The Yelahanka-nāḍ Prabhu is mentioned even in 1367, but the inscriptions of this Āvati branch run from 1599 to 1713. They generally had the name Kempe-Gauḍa, after the most celebrated of the line. He founded Banḡalore in 1537.' The Sugatūr-nāḍ Prabhus had the name Tamme-Gauḍa, and their territory included a great part of the Kolar District. Other references to the *Gauḍas* are also found in the Mysore inscriptions. 'In 1417, when a *Gauḍa*, who had gone to visit the local governor, fell down dead in his presence, a sort of inquest was held on the body and it was sent back to his home. This was under Vijayanagar rule.' Under Mughal rule 'we find in 1720 a regular magisterial process in the case of a *Gauḍa* whose village had been taken possession of by some one else during his absence abroad.'<sup>2</sup> It is also noteworthy that an inscription of 1027 A. D. refers to an *agrahāra* named *Gauḍa* with its 32,000 Brāhmaṇa residents, believed to be an exaggeration.<sup>3</sup>

All this shows that the name *Gauḍa* was quite familiar in the Kanarese country both in the territorial and vocational sense as indicated above; and it is therefore difficult to rule out the possibility of the Gaudasaṅgha being originally connected with a village settlement of the *Gauḍas*. We cannot, of course, be certain on the point, but the fact that Somadeva lived and worked in the Deccan inclines us to look for the home of his Saṅgha in

1 Sturrock: *South Canara* quoted in Sharma: *Jainism and Kārṇāṭaka Culture*, p. 158. See also Mahalingam: *Administration and Social Life under Vijayanagar*, pp. 80, 236.

2 Rice: *Mysore and Coorg from the Inscriptions*, pp. 165, 176, 177.

3 Saleore: *Ancient Kārṇāṭaka*, Vol. I, 352.

Karpātaka rather than in Bengal. It is true that we hear of Jaina Samghas in Bengal even at a later date, though the term Samgha has a slightly different sense here. The Jaina writer Bālacandra Sūri, for example, tells us, in his *Vasantavilāsa-mahākāvya* (10. 25), that Samghapatis from Lāṭa, Gauda, Vaṅga and other places came to join Vastupāla, the famous minister of Gujarat, in his grandiose pilgrimage to Śatruṅjaya and Gīrnar in 1220 A. D.<sup>1</sup> But, so far as Somadeva is concerned, his supposed migration from Bengal does not appear to be supported by any reliable evidence so far discovered.

## APPENDIX II

### THE VERSES ON THE COURTEZAN'S CORPSE AND A BUDDHIST LEGEND

The Buddhist antecedents of Sudatta's reflections on the corpse of a courtesan lying in the charnel-field (*Yasastilaka* 1. 95ff.) have been discussed in Chapter VI. That there was an underlying story going back to ancient times seems certain; and the framework of the original narrative can be seen in the story of Sirimā, as related in the *Dhammapada* commentary composed about the middle of the fifth century A. D. The story occurs in Book XI in connection with *Dhammapada* 147, and is here summarized from Burlingame: *Buddhist Legends*, Part 2, p. 330 (Harvard Oriental Series, Vol. 29). Certain verses of Somadeva on the dead courtesan recall the concluding words of the Teacher in the Buddhist legend.

Sirimā was a beautiful courtesan of Rājagaha, who used to give food to eight monks regularly in her house. A certain monk, hearing of her beauty, went to receive food in her house. She was ill at the time, but the monk was so enamoured of her that he became indifferent to all about him, and was unable to take any food.

"On that very day in the evening Sirimā died. Thereupon the king sent word to the Teacher, 'Reverend Sir, Jivaka's youngest sister Sirimā is dead.' When the Teacher received that message, he sent back the following message to the king, 'Sirimā's body should not be burned. Have her body laid in the burning-ground, and set a watch, that crows and dogs may not devour it.' The king did so. Three days passed, one after another. On the fourth day the body began to bloat, and from the nine openings of her body, which were like to sores, there oozed forth maggots."

The king then issued a proclamation ordering all to approach to behold Sirimā. He sent a message to the Teacher, asking that the Congregation of Monks presided over by the Buddha might approach to behold Sirimā.

"Now that young monk had lain for four days without touching food, paying no attention to anything anyone said to him; the rice in his bowl had rotted, and his bowl was covered with mildew. The rest of the monks who were his fellows approached him and said to him, 'Brother, the Teacher is

1 Introduction to *Vasantavilāsa Mahākāvya* (G. O. S.), p. xii.

The Teacher surrounded by the Congregation of Monks stood on one side of the corpse; the Congregation of Nuns and the king's retinue and the company of lay disciples, both male and female, stood on the other side of the corpse, each company in its proper place. The Teacher then asked the king, 'Great king, who is this woman?' 'Reverend Sir, it is Jivaka's sister Sirimā. 'Is this Sirimā?' 'Yes, Reverend Sir.' 'Well! send a drum through the town and make proclamation, 'Those who will pay a thousand pieces of money for Sirimā may have her.''' Not a man said 'hem' or 'hum'. The king informed the Teacher, 'They will not take her, Reverend Sir.' 'Well then, great king, put the price down.' So the king had a drum beaten and the following proclamation made, 'If they will give five hundred pieces of money, they may have her.' But nobody would take her at that price. The king then proclaimed to the beating of a drum that anyone might have her who would give two hundred and fifty pieces of money, or two hundred, or hundred, or fifty, or twenty-five, or ten, or five. Finally he reduced the price to a penny, then to a half-penny, then to a quarter of a penny, then to an eighth of a penny. At last he proclaimed to the beating of a drum, 'They may have her for nothing.' Not a man said 'hem' or 'hum'. Then said the king to the Teacher, 'Reverend Sir, no one will take her, even as a gift.' The Teacher replied, 'Monks, you see the value of a woman in the eyes of the multitude. In this very city men used to pay a thousand pieces of money for the privilege of spending one night with this woman. Now there is no one who will take her as a gift. Such was her beauty who now has perished and gone. Behold, monks, this body diseased and corrupt.' So saying he pronounced the following stanza:

147. *See this painted image, this mass of sores,  
huddled together,  
Corrupt, once possessed of many thoughts, but  
now possessing neither  
strength nor stability."*

**GUJARAT**

The power and influence of Saivism is reflected in the numerous old temples dedicated to Siva, which exist in various parts of India, and in many cases, go back far beyond the limits of the tenth century A. D. We may commence our survey with the celebrated temple of Somanātha on the seashore, in south-western Kathiawar, at Somanāthapattana, close to the modern port of Veraval. Somanātha was no doubt earlier than the tenth century, and

may have been as early as the Maitrakas of Valabhi (the modern Vala, near Bhavnagar), who held sway over Gujarat and Kathiawar during the sixth, seventh and eighth centuries of the Christian era, and call themselves *parama-māheśvara* or devout worshippers of Śiva in their inscriptions.<sup>1</sup> The great Śaiva temple was built upon fifty-six pillars of teak wood covered with lead, and the glory of its wealth and splendour lives in the pages of Muslim historians.<sup>2</sup> It was sacked and desecrated by Mahmud of Ghazni in 1026 A. D., and subsequently destroyed by a lieutenant of Mahmud; but soon after, it was rebuilt of stone by Bhīmadeva I, the Solanki king of Gujarat (1022-64 A. D.). It was again restored and rebuilt by Kumārapāla in the third quarter of the twelfth century, evidently in consequence of its being again attacked, or of having fallen into ruin. The present ruin represents the rebuilding by Kumārapāla.<sup>3</sup>

Śaivism was paramount in Gujarat during the rule of the Solanki kings who were great builders of temples dedicated to Śiva. Their capital was at Anahillapura (Anahilavāḍa or Patan), and other important places during their reign were Siddhapur and Vadnagar, now included in Baroda State, to the north of Ahmedabad. The first king Mūlarāja (942-96 A. D.) was a fervent devotee of Śiva in the form of Somanātha or Someśvara; and the temple of Mūleśvara and the Tripurūṣaprāsāda appear to have been built by him in honour of Somanātha.<sup>4</sup> Siddharāja (1094-1143), whose name is still familiar everywhere in Gujarat, built the great Sahasraliṅga tank which derived its name from the numerous *liṅga* shrines on its banks. In the centre of the tank was an island on which stood the temple of Rudreśvara.<sup>5</sup>

1 Exceptions are Dhruvasena I (526 A. D.) who is called *parama-bhāgavata*, and his brother and successor Dharapatta who is styled *paramāditya-bhakti* or a great devotee of the Sun. Guhasena, who was a worshipper of Śiva (558-564), calls himself *paramopāsaka* or a great devotee of Buddha in his grant of 566 A. D. *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. I, pt. I, p. 83; Poussin: *Dynasties et Histoire de L'Inde*, pp. 133-139.

2 See *Bombay Gazetteer*, Vol. I, pt. I, p. 185. The ancient temple is stated to have been thirteen storeys high, with its top surmounted by fourteen cupolas of gold which glittered in the sun and were visible from a long distance. The original edifice was built of brick and its floor was made of planks of teak wood with the interstices filled with lead. See Commissariat: *History of Gujarat*, Vol. I, lx. and Nasim: *The Life and Times of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazna*, p. 212.

3 Cousens: *Architectural Antiquities of Western India*, p. 40. Kumārapāla's temple suffered in every subsequent Muhammadan invasion of the place, though it was repaired and restored from time to time. In 1395 it was destroyed by Musaffar Khan, and again by Ahmad I, after his war with the Ray of Junagadh in 1414. Commissariat (op. cit.), p. lxxiv.

4 'तथा निर्लं निर्लं... श्रीसोमेश्वरपत्तने यात्रायां शिवमकितवा मन्ससङ्गकिपरितुष्टः सोमनाथ उपदेशदानपूर्व मण्डकीनगरमागतः। तेन राजा तत्र मूलेश्वर इति प्रासादः कारितः। तत्र नमस्कीर्वाहर्षेण प्रतिदिनमागच्छतस्तस्य नृपतेस्तङ्गकिपरितुष्टः श्रीसोमेश्वरः नई ससागर यत्र भवन्नगरे समेष्वामीत्यभिवाह श्रीमदनदिहपुरेऽवतारमकरोत्।' See *Prabandhacintāmaṇi*, p. 17 (Singhi ed.).

5 'Hardly a vestige now remains of the Sahasraliṅga tank, the theme of so much legend and song. Its site is still pointed out to the north-west of modern Patan.' Commissariat (op. cit.), p. lxxvi.



Siddharāja restored and rebuilt also the great temple of Rudramahālaya, which had been founded by Mūlarāja at Siddhapur on the north bank of the Sarasvatī, seventeen miles to the east of Patan. In or around the court were eleven other shrines in honour of the Rudras. This magnificent temple was destroyed by the Muslim conquerors of Gujarat; but the stupendous fragments that still exist give an adequate idea of the grandiose design of the original structure.<sup>1</sup>

Vadnagar (the ancient Ānandapura), situated 19 miles southeast from Siddhapur, was a great religious centre in Gujarat, and noted as the home of the Nāgara Brāhmaṇas who worshipped Śiva. An inscription engraved on a stone slab records the building of the walls of the town by Kumārapāla, the equally famous successor of Siddharāja, in *Samvat* 1208 or 1151 A. D. The town had at one time an unusually large number of temples, but the number 3000 mentioned by Abul Fazl at the end of the sixteenth century is no doubt an exaggeration. The chief temple, that of Hāṭakeśvara Mahādeva, is a lofty structure to the west of the town.<sup>2</sup>

It is sad to think that few temples in Gujarat have survived intact; and the only remains now of the Solankis and the Vaghelas are but fragments. Fortunately, the great temples of the Deccan, Bundelkhand, Orissa and South India are still in existence; and we shall in the course of our study enumerate the more important examples as far as they illustrate the progress and influence of the Śaiva faith in those regions.

From Gujarat we may turn to Mount Abu which was a flourishing centre of Śaivism at an early age. The *Prabhāsakhaṇḍa* of the *Skandapurāṇa* has a section on Arbuda or mount Abu, which gives an account of its sacred sites and the legends associated with them. In medieval times the Abu region was ruled by a branch of the Paramāra dynasty of Mālava from the end of the tenth century to the end of the thirteenth under the suzerainty of the Caulukyas of Gujarat. It may be noted that Bhīma I of Gujarat (1022-64 A. D.) brought for a time the Abu territory under his direct control in the second quarter of the eleventh century; and the Jaina Vimāla Sāha was deputed as the governor of Abu, who built the famous marble temple of Ādinātha in 1081 A. D.

Among the *lingas* worshipped at Abu, Acalesvara was the most famous. An inscription of Yaśodhavalā, one of the Paramāra kings of Abu, dated 1150 A. D., was found in the temple of Acalesvara. Early in the thirteenth century we hear of the prince Prahādāna, the founder of Palanpur, melting down a Jaina brass image for making a metal bull for Acalesvara Mahādeva.<sup>3</sup>

1 Commissariat, p. lxxvii.

2 Ibid. lxxii. It may be noted that, while the main temples in Gujarat were dedicated to Śiva, there were ancient temples devoted to the cult of Kṛṣṇa or Viṣṇu at Dvārakā and the adjoining island of Bet or Śaṅkhoddhāra. They were destroyed by Mahmūd Shah I in his expedition of 1473. The existing temples are later structures. Ibid. p. 174.

3 Ganguly: *History of the Paramāra Dynasty*, pp. 304, 319.

The sacred sites of Mount Abu mentioned in the *Arbudakhaṇḍa* of the *Skandapurāṇa* include Kanakhala (chap. 26) and Caṇḍikāśrama (chap. 36), or the hermitage of Caṇḍikā, which appears to have been a shrine of the goddess with an attached monastery. Both Kanakhala and Caṇḍikāśrama are mentioned in the Abu inscription of the Śaiva ascetic Kedārarāśi, which gives a detailed account of his building activities at Kanakhala. The inscription was incised in 1208 A. D. during the reign of Dhārāvārṣa at Abu under the suzerainty of Bhīma II of Gujarat. The record opens with verses in praise of Śiva and Ujjain, and enumerates the succession of teachers of the Capala or Capaliya sect which seems to have been an order of Śaiva monks in Mālava. Altogether eight teachers are mentioned; and the first teacher Tāpasa, a great devotee of Caṇḍiśa or Śiva, came from the New Monastery (Nūtanamaṭha) at Ujjain, and became the head of the Caṇḍikāśrama which was, as we have seen, located at Mount Abu. Kedārarāśi, the last teacher to be mentioned must have lived in the last quarter of the twelfth century; and to judge from the succession of teachers and disciples, Tāpasa may have become the head of the Caṇḍikāśrama about the middle of the eleventh century. As regards Kedārarāśi, he carried out an extensive building programme, according to his inscription. He renovated the entire site of Kanakhala with stone-slabs (*uttāna-paṭṭa*), and provided it with an enclosure with lofty walls. He repaired also the temple of Atulanātha, built two new massive temples of Śiva in front of the shrine of Kanakhalanātha, and erected a row of pillars of black stone, in the *mandapa* of the temple of Kanakhalaśambhu. His sister Mokṣeśvarī also built a beautiful temple of Śiva at the place.<sup>1</sup>

The capital of the Paramāra Chiefs of Abu until about the beginning of the 14th century was at Candrāvati, now a small village at the junction of the Śivālan with the Banās river near the south end of Mount Abu and in the Sirohi State. Here the numerous temples were constructed of white marble, a rare phenomenon in the history of Hindu architecture; and many of them must have been dedicated to Śiva, as Śaivism was the prevailing religion in this area. The evidence of sculptures, scanty though it is, points to the same conclusion. In one of the marble edifices, for instance, the principal figures were a three-headed statue with a female seated on his knee, sitting on a car, with a large goose in front (i. e. Brahmā); Śiva with twenty arms; Bhairava with twenty arms, one holding a human head by the hair, a victim lying beneath, and a female on each side; one drinking the blood falling from the head. Unfortunately Candrāvati is in ruins, and no idea can be formed of the cults practised in its beautiful temples.<sup>2</sup>

1 An Abu inscription of the reign of Bhīmadeva II, *Indian Antiquary*, Vol. XI, p. 320.

2 Candrāvati is one of the tragedies of Indian archaeology. Twenty marble edifices of different sizes were still in existence when the spot was first visited by Sir Charles Colville and his party in 1824. Nevertheless, about this time, the petty Chief of Girwar, a few miles to the northwest of Candrāvati, who regularly sold the marble materials, was called by Colonel Tod 'the depredator and salesman

## MEWAR

Saivism was the prevailing religion in neighbouring Mewar where the worship of Ekalinga Siva was the symbol of a national cult and has survived till today. The worship of Ekalinga is mentioned in an inscription of Naravāhana, dated 972 A. D., but the cult is earlier than the tenth century as two inscriptions, dated Samvat 1331 and 1342 (1274 and 1285 A. D.) respectively, which give the genealogy of the ruling dynasty, place the cult of Ekalinga at the beginning of the political history of Mewar.<sup>1</sup> We are told that an ascetic named Hāritarāsi who was a devotee of Ekalinga gave a miraculous gold anklet to Bappa, the Brāhmaṇa founder of the dynasty, and helped him to acquire the throne. The cult of Ekalinga was thus prevalent at least as early as the ninth century, and the deity is still worshipped at the place now called Ekalingaji, about twelve miles north of Udaipur on the way to Nāthadvāra. The present temple is not later than 1213 A. D., as a date, Samvat 1270, is inscribed on a pillar together with the name of Rāja Jaitrasimha.<sup>2</sup>

The evidence to be considered further will show that Saivism represented a vigorous religious movement in a large part of western and central India from Gujarat to Rewa in the tenth century and thereabouts. The expansion of Saivism in western India goes back, however, to a much earlier date, as it was the prevailing religion under the Valabhi kings as early as the sixth century A. D.

## MĀLAVA

An early and celebrated focus of Saivism was in Mālava whose capital Ujjayini or Avanti was famous through the ages as the seat of the worship of

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of what time and the ruthless Turk had spared of its relics'. Gustav le Bon, a French archaeologist, writing in 1884, said that he had made a long journey to Candrāvati to visit a temple among other remains, but was informed that the temple had been recently reduced to fragments by an engineer to pave a road! Cousens who visited the place at a later date reported: "Save portions of the basement of one temple and a few blocks of the back wall of another, nothing now remains of the beautiful shrines discovered in 1822 excepting one solitary column, which by its loneliness accentuates the desolation around it". The fact is that the temples of Candrāvati were literally carried off to build railway bridges and culverts and to break up for metalling the permanent way. 'The site of the old city and its extent are still indicated by the mounds of bricks that formed the foundations of these old temples—of which there are great numbers; and on the south side are portions of the ancient city walls which faced the river Śivālan.' 'Judging from such images as still lie about, it would appear that the majority of the temples were Brahmanical, and that they were built of white marble.' See Burgess and Cousens: *Archaeological Survey of Western India (Northern Gujarat)*, Vol IX, pp. 96-102.

1 *A Collection of Prakrit and Sanskrit Inscriptions* (op cit.) pp. 75, 85. In the introductory note the date of the inscription is given as 1332, but 1331 appears as the date in the last line. P. 77.

2 *Ibid.* p. 98.

**Mahākāla Śiva.** The legends connected with the numerous sacred sites and *lingas* of Avantikṣetra, known also as Mahākāla-vana, are narrated in detail in the *Avantyakhaṇḍa* of the *Skandapurāṇa*. Mahākālavana is described here as a *yojana* in extent, and mentioned as one of the most important Śaiva Tīrthas along with Prabhāsa, Puṣkara, Kedāra and Kāyāvarohaṇa. It is possible that the famous temple of Mahākāla existed as early as the fifth century A. D. Kalidāsa, in his *Meghadūta* (vv. 30-7), in the course of the description of Ujjayinī, refers to the sacred abode (*dhāma*) of Caṇḍīśvara, styled also as Mahākāla, on the Gandhavatī river, which is in fact one of the sacred streams of Avantikṣetra mentioned in the *Skandapurāṇa*.<sup>1</sup>

The temple of Mahākāla at Ujjain was as famous as that of Somanātha in Kathiawar. About the middle of the tenth century, Dhanika, a Paramāra chief of Vāgaḍa (the modern Banswara and Dungarpur States in Southern Rajputana, not far from Ujjain), is known to have erected the Śiva temple of Dhaneśvara near Mahākāla.<sup>2</sup> Early in the tenth century, the Rāṣṭrakūṭa emperor Indra III, while leading an expedition to conquer Kanauj, is believed to have stopped with his war elephants at the courtyard of the temple of Mahākāla to pay homage to the deity.<sup>3</sup> The great temple continued to exist for more than two hundred years after the destruction of the temple of Somanātha; but the tragedy was re-enacted in 1233 A. D. when Sultan İltutmish invaded Ujjain and demolished the ancient shrine during the reign of the Paramāra king Devapāla. According to Firishta, the magnificent temple was built on the same plan as that of Somanātha, and is said to have occupied three hundred years in building: it contained the image of Vikramāditya as well as that of Mahākāla, which the invader caused to be conveyed to Delhi and broken at the door of the great mosque.<sup>4</sup>

The Paramāras of Mālava, who ruled as independent monarchs from about the middle of the tenth century to the end of the thirteenth, and whose dominions, in their widest limits, extended from Gujarat to Central Provinces and from Khandesh to Northern Indore, were devout worshippers of Śiva and great builders of Śiva temples. The Paramāra king Bhoja, the most famous Indian monarch of the eleventh century A. D., built a number of temples dedicated to Kedāreśvara, Rāmeśvara, Somanātha, Sumḍira (?) and Kālānala-Rudra.<sup>5</sup> These temples no longer exist, as most of the religious edifices of Mālava were destroyed by the Muhammadans.

1 *Avantyakhaṇḍa*, Chap. I of *Caturastilīnga-māhātmya*.

2 See *Two Paramāra Inscriptions* in *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XXI, p. 41; Ganguli: *History of the Paramāra Dynasty*, p. 337.

3 See *Cambay Plates of Govinda IV* (v. 19.) in *Ep. Ind.*, Vol. VII. The Kalapriya mentioned in the verse is believed to be identical with Mahākāla.

4 Briggs: *Firishta*, Vol. I, p. 211; Prasad: *History of Medieval India*, p. 159.

5 See Verse 20 of the *Udepur Prastāvi* of the kings of Mālva in *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. I, pp. 222-38. Bühler takes Kāla, Anala and Rudra separately. But the reference seems to be to Kālāgni-Rudra, one of the terrible forms of Śiva, mentioned by Somadeva in *Yatastilaka*, Book I, p. 151.

Of the existing temples of ~~Mahadeva~~ the Nilakanthesvara at Udayapur and the Siddhanātha or Siddhesvara at Nemawar, both dedicated to Śiva, are the most important. The temple of Nilakanthesvara at Udayapur, now a village thirty miles to the north of Bhilsa, in Gwalior State, was built by the Paramāra king Udayāditya in 1059 A. D.<sup>1</sup> Built of red sandstone, it is one of the best preserved temples in India, as it somehow escaped to a very large extent the devastating hand of Muslim vandalism, although there is still a Muhammadan masjid at the back of the temple. A legend says that Aurangzeb, on his return from the Deccan, passed through this place and ordered the demolition of the temple; but Mahādeva appeared to him in a dream, and commanded him on pain of death to desist from his act of sacrilege. The next morning Aurangzeb found himself ill, and stopped the destruction of the temple; but a masjid was ordered to be built at the back of the temple. It is noteworthy that until recent times the temple was 'frequented by both Hindus and Muhammadans and the *lingam* within equally revered by both.' The *linga* is 'now inclosed in a shell of highly polished yellow metal said to be gold.'

The temple 'is singularly beautiful both in plan and in elevation; and although large, the parts are so well-proportioned, that it does not look large, and it is only on measurement that its real size is realized.' 'But it is in excellence of execution of the floral sculptured ornamentation that this temple surpasses all others. They are executed with remarkable fineness and freedom and are not overcrowded so as to destroy effect, but by a judicious interposition of broad plain surfaces worked with exquisite care, the ornamental value both of the flowered bands and of the plain are mutually enhanced. Doubtless a great deal of the beauty of the carvings is due to the superior quality of the stone here used; and the Khajurāho temples, if built of similar materials, would, some of them, have been more beautiful.' 'The great dome is formed of overlapping courses of stones, ranged in successive diminishing circles over each other. Twelve ribs, each rib composed of exquisitely sculptured females, at once adorn and strengthen this beautiful roof; and this roof, thus adorned, and as it were vivified by the sculptures, rests on the massive pillars below, forming a whole of unsurpassed beauty and harmony.'

The richly sculptured temple of Siddhanātha stands right on the bank of the Narmadā at Nemawar in Indore State, twelve miles from Harda station on the G. I. P. Railway. It cannot be later than the 10th century, and consists of a *garbhagrha* and a *mandapa*, which is open on three sides with an open porch on each side. The *mandapa* appears to be a later addition, and is built of bluish sandstone; while the *garbhagrha* with its *śikhara* is built of beautiful yellowish grey sandstone. Except for a modern structure which has been added on the top of the *mandapa* providing access

1 Ganguly: *History of the Paramāra Dynasty*, p. 258. The temple of Maṇḍalesvara Mahādeva at Paṇḍhara in Banavara State in Southern Rajputana was also built in 1059 A. D. by Maṇḍalika, a Paramāra chief of the Vāgaḍa branch of the family. See *Two Paramāra Inscriptions* (op. cit.).

2 *Archaeological Survey of India*, Vol. VII, pp. 85-88.

to the chamber immediately above the *garbhagrha*, the edifice 'has not suffered any damage or structural alteration during the nine hundred years that have elapsed since it was built.' The temple is in use, and worship is still carried on there on an elaborate scale. To the north of the temple of Siddhanātha is an unfinished temple of Viṣṇu, of which only the *garbhagrha* stands.<sup>1</sup>

The large temple of Bhojēśvara is situated at Bhojpur twenty miles to the south of the city of Bhopal. It appears to be named after the great Paramāra king Bhoja, and has been assigned to the eleventh or twelfth century A. D. In plan the building is a simple square; and an incomplete but richly carved dome is supported by four massive pillars, each of which is 40 feet in height. Inside the building stands a colossal *linga*, seven and a half feet high and more than seventeen feet in circumference, on a platform made of three superimposed blocks of sand-stone.<sup>2</sup>

An important group of Śaiva temples, fairly well-preserved, exists in the large township of Un in the Nimar District of Indore State.<sup>3</sup> It has been said that 'with the exception of Khajurāho in central India, there is no other place in Northern India where so many ancient temples are still to be found intact. The carvings on the temples at Un are slightly less elaborate than those on the celebrated temples of Khajurāho, but in all other respects they would compare very favourably with the Khajurāho group.' There are at least seven temples of Śiva of which the largest is called Chaubara Dera. It has an elaborately carved magnificent *mandapa* with a large porch in the front and two small ones on the sides. The *mandapa* is supported by four round carved pillars, and the dome over it is richly carved in the style of the domes of the marble temple of Vastupāla-Tejapāla on Mount Abu. The group of buildings includes a large temple of Śiva called Mahākāleśvara<sup>4</sup> and another of the same name. The Śiva temple of Vallaleśvara appears to have been rebuilt at a later date when a round dome like that of a mosque was built in place of the *sikhara*. A beautifully carved temple of Śiva called Nilakanṭheśvara stands inside the modern village, and close to it is a small underground temple of Śiva called Gupteśvara. 'The shrine, of which only a small underground chamber remains, must have been originally below the ground level, as the level of the floor of the *garbhagrha* is about thirty feet below the level of the floor of the sanctum in the temple of Nilakanṭheśvara.'

1 *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, for the year ending 31st March, 1921*, pp. 98-106.

2 Ganguly: *History of the Paramāra Dynasty*, p. 270.

3 *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, for the year ending 31st March, 1919*, pp. 61-64. Plates. XVIII-XXI.

4 A temple dedicated to Śiva under the name of Mākāleśvara (Mahākāleśvara) also exists in the village of Makla in the Mehidpur District of Indore State. This district lies in the centre of Mālva and is very close to Ujjain. The *mandapa* of the temple has been rebuilt, but the *garbhagrha* is intact, and provides a good example of Hindu temple architecture of the 11th and 12th centuries in Mālva. *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle. 1920*. n. 101.



A typically Śaiva sculpture representing Śiva and the Seven Mothers is found engraved on doors and lintels in some of the temples including the Chaubara Dera. An inscription in the latter temple mentions Udayāditya of Mālava who is known to have reigned in the latter part of the eleventh century. This is no doubt an important clue to the age of the temples at Un. Another inscription in the Chaubara Dera temple engraved on the figure of a serpent exhibits the Sanskrit alphabet and some of the conjugational terminations; and this had apparently an educational purpose. Two similar inscriptions, on a larger scale, are engraved on two pillars in the Bhojāsālā or School of King Bhoja, now the Masjid of Kamal Maula, at Dhar.<sup>1</sup>

The island of Māndhātā in the Narmadā, in the Nimar District of Central Provinces, south-east of Indore, was a seat of Śaiva worship at an early age, probably long before the tenth century. To judge from

- 1 Ibid. p. 46. Remains of old Śiva temples are fairly numerous in Indore State, many of which have been rebuilt in later times. Two or three of these temples may be mentioned. The village of Modi, seven miles to the west of Bhanpura in the north of Indore State, contains the ruins of a number of temples, one of which is still in position. The temple was dedicated to Śiva, but only the *garbhagṛha* is intact. 'The lintel of the door leading to the interior of the sanctum bears the figure of Śiva as Lakulīśa, and some of the large stones of the basement bear inscriptions in characters of the 12th century A. D.' The village of Kukdesvar, ten miles to the west of Rampura in the north of Indore State, contains the temple of Sahasra-mukheśvara. The old temple having collapsed, the present structure was built in its place. But the *linga* in the sanctum is very old and a real *sahasra-linga*. 'It consists of a huge *linga* about three feet in height and twelve to sixteen inches in diameter. The body of the *linga* is covered with rows of miniature *lingas* of uniform shape and size measuring about an inch and a half in height.'

The tableland or plateau at the foot of which Bhanpura lies is thickly studded with ancient remains, and shows ample signs of having been at one time a thickly populated locality of ancient Mālava. The remains on this plateau include those of two old temples at Navali or Naoli. One of these is the temple of Nandikeśvara which stands at the southern end of the village. The temple was partly rebuilt at a later date with the old materials. The *maṇḍapa* has disappeared, but the sanctum still stands. The *linga* of Nandikeśvara is octagonal at the bottom and round at the top.

Old Vaiṣṇava temples are found here and there in Indore State. The old village of Kohala, for instance, in the Garoth District in northern Indore, six miles from Bhanpura, contains three temples dedicated to Viṣṇu. The largest is the temple of Varāha which contains one of the finest images of the Boar Incarnation. Of the other two temples that of Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa is one of the best preserved monuments in Mālava. 'The *sikhara* is tall and slender, and resembles that of the temple of Mahākāleśvara at Un.' The temple of Caturbhuja is exactly similar in plan, but the *sikhara* is far inferior to that of Lakṣmī-Nārāyaṇa. The temple of Śeṣāśayin exists at the village of Kethuli which lies at the foot of the plateau on which Navali (see above) is situated. An old temple of Viṣṇu, partly rebuilt, exists at Kukdesvar. 'With the exception of the roof, the porch in front and the *Maṇḍapa* are of the same date as the old *garbhagṛha* on the west, i. e. 12th or 13th century A. D.' The existing Vaiṣṇava temples in Mālava are of uncertain date; and there is apparently no Vaiṣṇava temple which can compare in grandeur and magnitude with any of the outstanding major temples dedicated to Śiva. See *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle*, for 1920.



the evidence of the *Revākhaṇḍa* included in the *Skandapurāṇa*, the banks of the river were studded with holy places beginning from the sacred Amarkantak on the Maikal Range in Central India. All the temples on the island are devoted to the worship of Śiva or his associate deities; but Muslim vandalism has done its work so thoroughly (from about 1400 A. D.) that 'every dome has been overthrown, every figure mutilated.' There are numerous temples ancient and modern; but the age of the older shrines does not appear to have been accurately determined.

The celebrated shrine of Omkāra, a form of Śiva, is situated on the island, and that of Amareśvara on the southern bank of the river. These are among the most famous of the ancient Lingas in India; and pilgrims who have vowed to visit the twelve Jyotirlingas offer their adorations to both Omkāra and Amareśvara. References to Omkāra and Amareśvara are occasionally found in the inscriptions of the Paramāra kings of Mālava. The Māndhātā plates of Jayasimha issued in 1055 A. D. record the grant of a village for the maintenance of the Brāhmaṇas of the *paṭṭasālā* at the holy site of Amareśvara. An inscription of Arjunavarman issued in 1215 A. D. during his sojourn at Amareśvara says that he granted certain lands to a Brāhmaṇa after having worshipped Omkāra, the lord of Bhavāni. Three plates recording a grant of Devapāla in 1225 A. D. were found near the temple of Siddheśvara at Māndhātā. Evidently the Nimar District was included in the dominions of the Paramāras of Mālava in the early part of the thirteenth century A. D. Earlier than this, the famous Paramāra king Vākpati Muṇja, who reigned towards the end of the tenth century A. D., is said to have built many temples and embankments at places like Ujjain, Maheśvara and Māndhātā.<sup>1</sup>

'The oldest of the Śivaite temples is probably that on the Birkhala rocks. Unlike the other temples, which present the ordinary shrine and porch, it consists of a courtyard, with a verandah and colonnades supported on massive pillars, boldly carved in rectilinear figures.' 'On the hill stand the ruins of a very fine temple, now called Siddheśvara Mahādeva. To each of the four sides of the shrine was added a projection containing a doorway; and before every doorway was a porch resting on fourteen pillars, elaborately carved and about 14 feet high.' 'The temple of Gaurī Somanātha appears to be an old shrine rebuilt with lime. Somanātha himself is a gigantic *linga*, now black, but once white, as his name denotes.' It may be noted that traces of Vaiṣṇavism are not wholly absent in the Māndhātā region. The north bank of the river opposite contains some old structures devoted to Viṣṇu. 'Where the Narmadā bifurcates are the remains of some gateways and a large shapeless building containing twenty-four figures of Viṣṇu and his *avatāras*, carved in good style in a close-grained green stone. Among them is a large Varāha or Boar *Āvatāra* covered with the same panoply of sitting figures as that at Khandwā.'<sup>2</sup>

1 Ganguli: *History of the Paramāra Dynasty*, pp. 63, 124, 202, 210.

2 *Imperial Gazetteer of India*, Vol. IX, p. 293 ff.

## BUNDELKHAND AND BAGHELKHAND

From Mālava we may pass on to Bundelkhand which was an important centre of Śaivism during the rule of the Chandel kings in the tenth, eleventh and twelfth centuries. The Chandel Kingdom included Khajurāho (now a village in Chhatarpur State, Central India), Kālāñjar in Bāndā Dt., U. P. and Mahoba (in Hamirpur Dt., U. P.). Khajurāho is famous for its group of magnificent temples second in importance only to the Bhuvaneśvar group in Northern India. The splendour of Khajurāho reached its climax in the tenth century during the reign of Dhanga (c. 950-1000 A. D.), who was a devout Śaiva, and died, according to an inscription, at Prayāga, 'fixing his thoughts on Rudra, and muttering holy prayers.' The northern style of temple architecture found its most perfect expression in the edifices at Khajurāho, which were designed on a grand scale, executed in a fine sandstone, and richly adorned with sculpture. Dhanga's father Yaśovarman (c. 930-50 A. D.) built the magnificent Caturbhuj temple completed in 954 A. D.<sup>1</sup>; but the largest building of the Khajurāho group is the great Śiva temple called Kandariyā Mahādeo, believed to have been erected during the tenth century. It is 109 feet in length and 59½ feet in width with a height of 116½ feet above the ground.<sup>2</sup> The temple known as Viśvanātha is no less grand, the steeple being about 100 feet high, and was, according to an inscription, built during Dhanga's reign.<sup>3</sup> 'The temple of Mṛtanga

- 1 A temple of Nārāyaṇa was built by queen Citralekhā in 955 A. D. at Bayana in Bharatpur State. The relevant inscription recording the fact is incised on a slab in the pavement of the Ukā mosque at Bayana, now transformed into the Ukā mandir. A portion of an old Hindu temple found inside the Ukā mandir might represent the remains of the temple of Nārāyaṇa erected by queen Citralekhā. *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, 1919, p. 43; 1920, p. 109.*
- 2 The temple contains a marble *liṅga* 4½ feet in girth. Cunningham counted no less than 226 statues inside the temple, and 646 outside, or 872 statues altogether, of which the greater number are from 2½ to nearly 3 feet in height. 'The richness of the carvings is rivalled by the profusion of the sculptures.' 'The general effect of this gorgeous luxury of embellishment is extremely pleasing, although the eye is often distracted by the multiplicity of the details.'
- 3 The Viśvanātha temple is 87½ feet long by 46 feet broad. Its plan is similar to that of the Kandariyā temple, 'but it is altogether in better preservation itself, and its five subordinate temples are still standing or traceable at the four corners of its terrace, and in front of the entrance.' Cunningham counted 602 statues of from 2 to 2½ feet in height 'in the different ranges of sculpture of this gorgeous temple.' Inside the shrine there is a *liṅga*. 'Inside the entrance portico of this temple, there are two large inscribed slabs which are dated respectively, in the Samvat years 1056 and 1058 or A. D. 999 and 1001.' The earlier inscription records the building of the temple to Śiva and the dedication of a *liṅga* made of emerald (*marakatamayam*) by Rāja Dhanga. The temple itself is said to have been called *Pramathanātha*, but the emerald *liṅga* no longer exists. Facing the entrance of the Viśvanātha temple is a small open temple which contains a colossal recumbent figure of the bull Nandi. 'In plan it is a square of 16 feet with 12 pillars and a small open porch of two pillars on each of the four sides, thus forming an open temple of 20 pillars'. 'It evidently forms part of the Viśvanātha temple, and must be of the same date.'

Mahādeo<sup>1</sup> is remarkable for its large dome of overlapping stones, with a diameter of 22 feet, without extraneous support'. The temples are in more or less satisfactory preservation, which is largely due to the fact that Khajurāho luckily escaped the fury of Muslim vandalism.

There are two more temples on the Kurar Nala to the south of the village, called Nilkanth Mahādeo and Kunwār Math. The former is a mass of ruins; but inside the sanctum there still exists the *argha* or pedestal of a *linga*. A pilgrim's inscription carved on the wall of the sanctum bears the date Samvat 1174 (A. D. 1117), and refers to the deity as Gaura or the White God. The temple seems to have been erected in the tenth or eleventh century. The Kunwār Math is also dedicated to Śiva, whose figure occupies the central position over the doorway of the sanctum, between Brahmā and Viṣṇu. It is one of the finest temples at Khajurāho, and 66 feet long and 33 feet broad outside. There is no inscription to fix the date of the temple; but as the word Vasala, a mason's mark, is repeated several times on the stones of both of the Kurar Nala temples, Cunningham infers that they are of the same age, that is, the tenth or eleventh century. At Jatkari, 1½ miles to the south of Khajurāho, there are two dilapidated temples, one of which is dedicated to Śiva whose *linga* of marble is enshrined within.

Kālañjar, with its strong fortress, was the military stronghold of the Chandel kings; and from early times the hill was famous as a favourite resort of Śaiva ascetics. The buildings at Kālañjar are not, however, important as architecture. 'The upper gate, leading to the outwork in the middle of the west face, where the great *lingam* of Nilakanṭha stands, is attributed by local tradition to king Parmāl or Paramardi (1165-1203 A. D.).' A hymn of praise to Śiva composed by Paramardi is inscribed on a slab at Kālañjar bearing the date 1201 A. D.

At Mahoba there is the Madan Sāgar lake associated with the Chandel king Madanavarman (1128-1165 A. D.). A fairly well-preserved granite temple, equal in size to the largest of the sandstone temples at Khajurāho, stands on a rocky island in the north west corner of the lake. The shrine is known as Kakrā Marh and was dedicated to Śiva. The ruins of a second temple dedicated to Viṣṇu, called Madārī, exist on another islet in the lake. Both the temples are ascribed to the reign of Madanavarman.

The Devī cult is almost everywhere associated with Śaivism; and it is noteworthy that a tribal goddess called Maniyā Deo (Devī) was the tutelary deity of the Chandels. Maniyā Devī appears to be akin to the GOND deities, and reminds one of Vindhyaśinī, who was worshipped by the hill tribes of the Vindhya region, as described by Vākpati in his *Gauḍavaho*. There are

1 Called also Mṛtyunājaya Mahādeva. It is a large square temple enshrining a colossal *linga*, 8 feet in height and 3 feet 8 inches in diameter. 'It is 24½ feet square inside and 35 feet square outside, with a projecting porch 18½ feet long and 9½ feet broad on each side.' 'It is situated 30 feet to the south of the Caturbhuj temple, and is most probably of the same age' (i. e. the middle of the tenth century A. D.).

three known shrines of the goddess, at Mahoba, at Maniyāgarh, a large ruined fort, situated on a hill overlooking the town of Rājgarh in Chhatarpur State, and at the village of Barel in Hamirpur District. The Devī Jagadāmbī temple at Khajurāho is among the best, and like the others, has been assigned to the tenth century.

There is no doubt that Śaivism was the prevailing religion in Bundelkhand, and the architectural grandeur of Khajurāho rests on the great temples dedicated to Śiva: but the cult of Viṣṇu had also a recognised place, as shown by some of the temples dedicated to that deity.<sup>1</sup> The Baghārī inscription found near Mahoba commemorates the building of temples to both Viṣṇu and Śiva by the ministers of Parmāl or Paramardi in 1195 A. D. We may refer in this connection to the allegorical play *Prabodhacandrodaya*, which was produced during the reign of the Chandel king Kirtivarman, about the year 1065 A. D.: it refers to shrines of Viṣṇu (v. 5) and glorifies Viṣṇubhakti (Faith in Viṣṇu), one of the prominent characters in the play. It may, however, be noted that Śiva is glorified in the second verse of the prologue; and we are told in v. 9 that the Absolute is variously designated as Brahmā, Viṣṇu or Śiva.<sup>2</sup>

Śaivism was prevalent not only in Bundelkhand but in other areas of Central India. Jaso, the chief town of the tiny state of that name in Baghelkhand, seems to have been an important place in the middle ages. It contains an old temple of Śiva and a large tank called the Rekra Talav. Two colossal images of Śiva as *Tripurāri* and *Naṭeśa* were found close to the Rekra Talav. The temple of Kumhra Mahādeva is a building in the Khajurāho style of about the eleventh or twelfth century.<sup>3</sup>

- 1 The most important is the Caturbhuj completed in 954 A. D. (see above). 'The temple is 85 feet 4 inches in length and 44 feet in breadth, or almost exactly the same size as Viśvanātha.' Immediately to the east of the Caturbhuj temple is a small open temple containing a colossal statue of the Varāha Avatāra of Viṣṇu. No. 17 in Cunningham's list is a large temple situated close to the north end of the village. 'The temple is called Vāmana or the Dwarf Incarnation of Viṣṇu, a name which is certainly not correct; for, although there is a large statue of the dwarf god, 4 feet 8 inches high, enshrined inside, yet there is a small figure of Śiva himself over the centre of the entrance to the sanctum, with Brahmā and Viṣṇu to the right and left.' One or two more temples of Viṣṇu are mentioned by Cunningham.
- 2 For the Chandel kings and their monuments see Vincent Smith: *History and Coinage of the Chandel dynasty in Indian Antiquary*, 1908. 'The remains, more or less complete, of more than thirty temples are traceable at Khajurāho and the neighbouring village of Jatkari.' See also Cunningham: *Archaeological Survey of India*, Vol. II, pp. 412-39. Cunningham writing in 1865 says that Khajurāho is still frequented by pilgrims who assemble in thousands for the celebration of the Śivarātri in the month of Phālgun, at which time an annual fair is held. It may be noted that a similar fair is held at Elephanta on the occasion of the Śivarātri festival every year in February when pilgrims visit the island in large numbers to worship the *Jyēṣṭha* enshrined in the great cave temple in the western hill. Sastri: *A Guide to Elephanta*, p. 32.
- 3 *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, for the year ending 31 st March, 1910*, p. 60.

It may be noted that the history of Śaivism in this region goes back to much earlier times. Seven miles to the south-east of Jaso are the ruins of the ancient city of Nachna Kuthara in Ajaygadh State in Bundelkhand. Some of the oldest known Hindu temples in India have been discovered at this place. The earliest of these is a flat-roofed temple surrounded by a narrow covered veranda on three sides. 'There was a very small *mandapa* or porch in front of the only door of the shrine, which has collapsed entirely.' Over the shrine is a small upper chamber instead of a *sikhara*, with a flat roof slightly raised at the centre. The temple is well-preserved, but without any idol, and has been assigned to the early Gupta period, i. e., 4th - 5th century A. D. To the south-west of this temple there is a large stone-built temple of Śiva with a tall spire, which has been assigned to the later Gupta age. The *mandapa* in front has collapsed, and 'inside the temple there is a huge four-faced *linga* (*Caturmukha Mahādeva*) which is certainly earlier in date than the temple itself.' 'To the east of the Gupta temple are the remains of another temple of Mahādeva of which only the foundations and the *linga* remain. The ground around is strewn with carved blocks of stone from which it appears that this temple was of the same date as the temple of the four-faced Mahādeva.'<sup>1</sup>

The Nāgod State area, now included in the Baghelkhand Agency of Central India, appears to have been an early focus of Śaivism, and continued as such till medieval times. An ancient temple of Śiva exists at Bhumara, a village twelve miles to the west of the town of Unchehra in Nāgod State. It is flat-roofed and similar in all respects to the early Gupta temple at Nachna except that there is no upper chamber over the shrine. The similarity in size and plan and the nature of the carvings indicates that both the temples belong to the same age, probably the middle of the fifth century A. D. As in the case of the temple at Nachna, the *mandapa* has collapsed, but inside the shrine was found a huge *ekamukha linga* measuring a little more than six feet in height.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>f</sup> In the small hamlet of Sankargadh, in Nāgod State, there is, at the foot of a small conical hill, an ancient tank, now almost silted up, on the banks of which exist a very large collection of Śaiva sculptures and a very small stone temple of the later Gupta period. Two paved foot-paths lead to the door of the temple which stands on a mound, and on both sides of the foot-paths an unusually large number of *lingas* have been arranged. The temple consists of a single chamber with one door; and the interior of the shrine is perfectly plain, and contains a very large *linga*. The *sikhara* of the temple was added at a later date, perhaps in the 10th or 11th century, sculptures of which period are found scattered around the edifice. 'No inscriptions were discovered at the place, but from the technique the lower part of the temple can be assigned to the sixth century A. D.' The images gathered around the shrine

<sup>1</sup> Ibid., pp. 53, 61.

<sup>2</sup> R. D. Banerji: *The temple of Śiva at Bhumara (Memoirs of the Archaeological Survey of India. No. 16).*

include a very fine image of Śiva and Pārvatī; and it is apparent from the carving that the sculpture belongs to the later Gupta period, i. e. 6th or 7th century A. D. There is besides a very large collection of images of Śiva and Pārvatī at this place, most of which belong to the 11th and 12th centuries A. D. Close by are the ruins of a large medieval temple of Śiva of the 11th or 12th century A. D. 'There must have been other temples also at this place, as in all some 15 or 20 *lingas* were discovered within a short area, some of which belong to the earlier periods, as they are natural Phallic symbols of the God of Destruction.'

The villages of Khoh and Majhgawan, in Nāgod State, contain ruins extending over three miles in length, in which the remains of a large and once populous city lie buried. The biggest mound is the Ataria Khera where the remains of a Vaiṣṇava temple were partly excavated by Cunningham, who discovered at the same place a fine image of the Boar Incarnation of Viṣṇu. This area, too, seems to have been a centre of the Śaiva cult. A number of *ekamukha lingas* was found in the village and in the mounds surrounding it, and broken images of Mahiṣamardini were found both at Khoh and Majhgawan. More important is the neighbouring site known as Nakti-ka-Talai, which contains the remains of two fine stone-built temples of the early Gupta period. They are Śiva temples and stand side by side, hidden from view by thick bamboo groves. Here was also found one of the finest known *ekamukha lingas*, well-preserved and bearing the bust of Śiva on its western face. Śiva is represented with three eyes, and his crescent is carved in relief on the fore part of the mass of matted hair on the head. 'The face of this bust is a masterpiece of the plastic art of the early Gupta period.'

The evidence of temples and sculptures shows that Śaivism was firmly established in certain areas of Central India in the Gupta period. In the tenth century and after, Śaivism was the prevailing religion in the area corresponding to Rewa State during the rule of the Cedi or Haihaya kings of Tripuri. Here are some important Śaiva monuments which claim our attention.

The territory of the Haihayas of Tripuri in the 10th-12th centuries was the Dāhala country or the modern district of Jubbulpur; but under the more powerful princes the Cedi kingdom included 'that portion of Central India which lies to the south of the river Tons, consisting of the modern States of Nāgod, Maihar, the eastern part of Panna and the western part of the northern division of Rewa State.' The existing monuments of the Cedi country consist chiefly of Śaiva monasteries and temples, and are found for the most part in Rewa State and the district of Jubbulpur.<sup>2</sup> We have already referred to

1 For Sankargadh, Khoh etc. see *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circle, for the year ending 31st March, 1920.*

2 For details see R. D. Banerji: *The Haihayas of Tripuri and their monuments (Memoirs of the Archaeological Survey of India, No. 23)*. All the monuments have not been fully explored, and many of them are not in a good state of preservation.



the influence of the Śaiva monks of the Mattamayūra line and their monasteries in the Cedi country. As regards temples, the remains are found chiefly in Rewa State: at Chandrehe and Gurgi, not far from Rewa town, and at Bhirpur, Amarkantak and Sohagpur. The Śiva temple at Chandrehe was built about the middle of the tenth century A. D. It is the earliest specimen of the circular type of temples which came into vogue in this part of the country during the tenth century. The ruins of another temple of the same type were found near the village of Masaun in the neighbourhood of Gurgi, twelve miles due east of Rewa Town. Temples of this kind, with circular *garbhagrhas*, are extremely rare; and it has been suggested that this type of temple architecture was designed by the builders employed by the Śaiva monks of the Mattamayūra sect in the Cedi country. The Gurgi temple appears to belong to the same period as the one at Chandrehe which it closely resembles; and it is probable that it might be the Śiva temple which, according to the Gurgi inscription of Prabodhasīva, was built by the abbot Prasāntasīva, close to the very high temple of Śiva built by Yuvarājadeva I, who ruled in the first half of the tenth century. The latter temple seems to have been built on the Gurgaj mound, at Gurgi, where 'the sites of two large temples are now marked by deep pits and the overturned colossal figures which were once enshrined inside'. The figures in question refer to a four-armed Durgā nine feet high, seated on a lion, and a still larger sculpture of Śiva and Pārvatī lying on its face, the slab being more than twelve feet long by more than five feet broad. 'If the temples which occupied this mound bore any proportion to the size of the colossal figures which they enshrined, they must have been of considerable size, certainly not less than 100 feet in height.'

Among other temples of the Cedi region may be mentioned that of Virāṭeśvara Śiva at Sohagpur, the Karan Mandir at the sacred site of Amarkantak, and the temple of Vaidyanātha Mahādeva at Baijnath, all in Rewa State. The Karan Mandir is a Śiva temple ascribed by local tradition to Karṇa Rāja, the powerful Haihaya king who ruled in the third quarter of the eleventh century A. D. It is a temple of rare design having three separate shrines; but it never was completed. 'The superb magnificence of such a temple with its three tall and profusely sculptured lofty towers of graceful outline can only be realised by actual sight.' Lastly, the Bheraghat inscription of Alhanādevī, the widow of king Gayākarna, issued in 1155 A. D., records the foundation of a temple of Śiva with a *maṭha* or monastery and a hall of study and gardens around them. 'This temple, or rather the lower part of its *garbhagrha*, still exists and is known by the name of the temple of Gaurīśankara.' It stands on the summit of a hillock at Bheraghat, better known as the Marble Rocks, thirteen miles from Jabulpur. The temple is located within the circular enclosure of the shrine of the Sixty-four Yoginis of which we have spoken.<sup>1</sup>

It will be thus seen that the early monuments of the Cedi country are almost exclusively devoted to the cult of Śiva. It is evident that at the time

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1 See Chap. XV.



when Somadeva wrote, Śaivism was predominant in central India as in the south. We may now turn to Orissa.

## ORISSA

Early medieval Orissa was an important centre of Śaivism.<sup>1</sup> Bhuvaneśvara in the Puri District is the home of early temples dedicated to Śiva, the oldest being the Paraśurāmeśvara assigned to the eighth century A. D. The temple of Mukteśvara, famous for its sculptures representing scenes of religious life, for example, ascetics and disciples and the worship of Śiva, is somewhat later. The temple of Liṅgarāja, regarded as the most stupendous edifice of its kind in Orissa, is placed about the middle of the tenth century. Close to it is situated the small but exquisitely beautiful temple of Pārvatī, which is probably of the same date as its great neighbour. Other important Śaiva temples at Bhuvaneśvara include the Brahmeśvara (eleventh century), which stands on a platform with four smaller temples at the corners, and thus occupies a position similar to that of the temple of Goṇḍeśvara at Sinar, twenty miles from Nasik.<sup>2</sup> The beautiful temple of Megheśvara situated close to the Brahmeśvara was built towards the end of the twelfth century; while the Śiva temple of Cāteśvara was built about the year 1220 A. D. in the village of Krishnapur in the Cuttack District.<sup>3</sup> It may be noted that the only architecturally important Vaiṣṇava temple at Bhuvaneśvara is the Ananta-Vāsudeva said to have been built by Bhavadeva, a minister of king Harivarman of Eastern Bengal.<sup>4</sup> It cannot be much later than the great temple of Liṅgarāja.

Interesting early temples dedicated to Śiva exist also at Khiching, the old capital of the rulers of Mayurbhanj, and in Baudh State on the right bank of the Mahānadi. The twin temples at the village of Gandharāḍi, a few miles from Baudh Town, belong to the same style of architecture as the Paraśurāmeśvara at Bhuvaneśvara. If the Paraśurāmeśvara is assigned to the middle of the eighth century, the Gandharāḍi temples may be placed towards the close of that century. The two temples are exactly similar to each other: the one is dedicated to Siddheśvara Śiva with its *sikhara* surmounted by a Śivaliṅga, and the other is a Vaiṣṇava shrine dedicated to Nilamādhava, with a wheel of blue chlorite on the top of the *sikhara*. A wheel on the top of the *sikhara* is a common feature of Vaiṣṇava temples, but the location of an entire Śivaliṅga on the top of a temple is something unknown in Orissan architecture.

Next in importance are the three Śiva temples, situated close to the modern temple of Rāmeśvara, in Baudh Town. They have been assigned to the ninth century. Beglar, who saw them in the last quarter of the 19th century,

1 This section is based on R. D. Banerjea: *History of Orissa*, Vols. I and II. Chapters 29 and 30 deal with Architecture and Plastic Art respectively. See also R. D. Banerjea: *Antiquities of the Baudh State in Journal of the Bihar and Orissa Research Society*, Vol. XV.

2 See below.

3 R. D. Banerjea (op. cit.), Vol. I, p. 262.

4 This view is no longer accepted. See *The History of Bengal*, Vol. I, p. 203, published by the University of Dacca.

says: 'though small they are gems of art in their own humble way.' R. D. Banerjea says: 'The decorative motifs and the plastic art of the three temples at Baudh are certainly superior to and older than the great Liṅgarāja-Ananta-Vāsudeva group at Bhuvaneśvara.' A peculiarity of the three temples in Baudh Town is that they have no *Maṇḍapa* or *Jagamohana*, as it is called in Orissa, its place being taken by a porch over the entrance. Unfortunately the porch still exists only in one of the temples. Another peculiarity is that in plan the three temples are eight-rayed stars, and the *arghapattas* of the Liṅgas are also similar. The Baudh temples are no doubt older than the Liṅgarāja group at Bhuvaneśvara, specially because the large Jagamohana had not yet come into vogue.<sup>1</sup>

Khiching likewise was a prominent centre of Śaiva worship. It is about ninety miles from Bāripada, the present capital of Mayurbhanj, and the site represents the ruins of a large ancient city, which was the home of a people much more civilized than the present aboriginal inhabitants with a sprinkling of Oriya nationals. The principal shrine was that of Cāmuṇḍā known as Kiṅcakeśvari; and the Śiva temples that have survived are the Kutaitundi or Nilakantheśvara and the Candrasekhara which is still intact. The Śaiva sculptures discovered at Khiching (Umā-Maheśvara, the bust of Śiva etc.) bear testimony to the influence of the Śaiva cult in the area dominated by the culture of Khiching.<sup>2</sup> The architecture of the three Śiva temples in Baudh Town and those at Khiching is believed to represent an intermediate stage between such early specimens as the Paraśurāmeśvara and the Mukteśvara at Bhuvaneśvara and the twin temples at Gandharāḍi and the next phase of Orissan art as we find it in the temples of Liṅgarāja, Brahmeśvara and Anantavāsudeva at Bhuvaneśvara. The Candrasekhara temple at Khiching has accordingly been assigned to about 900 A. D. A peculiarity of the temples at Khiching, as in the case of the three temples at Baudh, is that they are without any *Maṇḍapa* or *Jagamohana*. As a matter of fact, there are certain temples at Bhuvaneśvara also, for instance, the Bhāskareśvara, which have no Jagamohana. Some of them are believed to be older than the great temple of Liṅgarāja.

Most of the early Hindu temples in Orissa are thus dedicated to Śiva. The Paraśurāmeśvara at Bhuvaneśvara is the earliest. The Gandharāḍi temples, although one of them is dedicated to Viṣṇu, come next; and the Mukteśvara at Bhuvaneśvara is placed at the end of the early period. All these edifices are characterized by spires or *śikharas* of which the curvature is much less pronounced than that of the *śikharas* of later temples; and in this respect they belong to the same category as such early temples in other parts of India as the later Gupta temple at Nachna Kuthara,<sup>3</sup> the Daśavatāra temple at Deogarh in Jhansi District and certain other temples at Aihole.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> *JBOBS*, Vol. XV, p. 80.

<sup>2</sup> See the plates in R. D. Banerjea: *History of Orissa*, Vol. II.

<sup>3</sup> See above.

<sup>4</sup> "The Paraśurāmeśvara cannot be very far removed in date from the post-Gupta temple of the Daśavatāra at Deogadh in the Jhansi District. The low regularly curving outlines of the temples at Gandharāḍi and the Paraśurāmeśvara belong

The predominance of the great Śaiva centre at Bhuvaneśvara, or Amratīrtha, continued for centuries until it was eclipsed by the final establishment of the cult of Jagannātha at Puruṣottama or Puri. The great temple of Jagannātha at Puri (the *Vimāna* or the sanctum and the *Jagamohana*) was erected by Anantavarman Coḍagaṅga (1078-1148 A. D.) towards the close of the eleventh century, but the architectural style is considered to be degenerate in comparison with the classic examples of Orissan art at Bhuvaneśvara. The Eastern Gaṅgas of Kalinga extended their rule over the whole of Orissa in the second half of the eleventh century. But their tutelary deity was Gokarnasvāmin, or Gokarnēśvara Śiva, who is so often mentioned in their inscriptions, and whose shrine was located on the top of the Mahendra mountain in Ganjam District. Vajrahasta (1038-68 A. D.), the grandfather of Anantavarman Coḍagaṅga, is called *parama-māheśvara* or a devout worshipper of Śiva in one of his inscriptions. Nevertheless the establishment of the temple of Jagannātha at Puri was a turning-point in the religious history of Orissa. A famous Vaiṣṇava scholar, Naraharītīrtha, a disciple of Ānandatīrtha, the founder of the Mādhva school, was the regent of Orissa for twelve years during the minority of Narasimha II (1278-1306 A. D.), and built the temple of Yogānanda-Nṛsimha at Sri-Kurman in Chikakole *Tāluka* of the Ganjam District in 1281 A. D. Other inscriptions recording gifts by Naraharītīrtha have been found in the temple of Kūrmeśvara at Sri-kurman and that of Lakṣmi-Narasimhasvāmin at Simhācalam near Waltair. The final triumph of Vaiṣṇavism, or rather Neo-Vaiṣṇavism, in Orissa was not, however, achieved until long after the fall of the Eastern Gaṅgas. The new empire of Orissa extending from Medinipur to Trichinopoly was built up by Kapilendra (1435-70), who liberally patronized the great temple at Puri. His successor Puruṣottama (1470-97) added the Bhogamaṇḍapa to the temple of Jagannātha. It was during the reign of his successor Pratāparudra (1497-1541) that Neo-Vaiṣṇavism became paramount in the religious life of Orissa owing to the long residence of the Bengali saint Caitanyadeva in the country and his powerful influence on the king and the people. Unfortunately, as ably demonstrated by R. D. Banerjea, the supremacy of the new Vaiṣṇavism in Orissa coincided with the political downfall of the country; and "the acceptance of Vaiṣṇavism or rather Neo-Vaiṣṇavism was the real cause of the Musalman conquest of Orissa twenty-eight years after the death of Pratāparudra." So far as the equilibrium of faiths was concerned, the predominance of

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to the same type as the Śikhara of the Deogadh temple and the later temple at Naohna Kuthara. Sometime during the course of the 9th century A. D., temple types in Orissa began to change and the Śikhara grew taller. It was at this time that the curve of the spire became abrupt near the Āmalaka. The only known examples of this type are the three small temples in Baudh town." JBORS, Vol. XV, p. 80. The Daśavatāra temple at Devagarh on the Vetravati river is believed to be a monument of the Gupta age (early fifth century A. D.). It was dedicated to Viṣṇu whose image must have been installed in the sanctum. A short inscription in Gupta Brāhmī characters on a big square pillar refers to the gift (*dāna*) of Bhāgavata Govinda, obviously the founder of the temple. See Dr. V. S. Agrawala's paper on the temple in *Art and Thought* (Luzac, 1947), p. 51.

the cult of Jagannātha inevitably led to the decay of the older cults of Śiva at Bhuvaneśvara and elsewhere.

In the tenth century or thereabouts the Śaiva centre at Bhuvaneśvara appears to have been as important as any other centre of Śaiva worship in Central or Western or South India. About this time Bhuvaneśvara was included in the dominions of the Somavaṃśi kings, who at first ruled in the Eastern part of Mahākosala corresponding to the Chattisgarh Division of Central Provinces, and later extended their control over portions of northern and central Orissa. These kings appear to have been Śaivas. Mahābhavagupta Janamejaya who appears to have reigned at the beginning of the tenth century is described in one of his charters as a devout worshipper of Śiva. His successor Mahāśivagupta Yayāti is probably the same as the king Yayāti-Keśari who, according to Orissan tradition, built the massive temple of Liṅgarāja at Bhuvaneśvara. As we have seen, even on architectural grounds, this edifice has been assigned to the tenth century. Similarly, the temple of Brahmeśvara at Bhuvaneśvara is said to have been built by the mother of Udyotakeśari, described as seventh in descent from Janamejaya, probably the same as Mahābhavagupta Janamejaya. The temple thus appears to have been erected in the early part of the eleventh century.<sup>1</sup>

Among the kings of earlier dynasties who ruled in different parts of Orissa, Śagguyayyana of the Māna dynasty, who reigned in Southern Tosali or Tosala (the area to the south of the Chilka lake), is described as *parama-māheśvara* or devout worshipper of Śiva in an inscription issued by his feudatory Śivarāja in the Gupta year 288 = 603 A. D.<sup>2</sup> The early Karas who ruled over Central Orissa in the eighth century A. D. were Buddhists. Among the later Karas, the queen Tribhuvana Mahādevī is described as a devout worshipper of Viṣṇu; while the Hindol plate of Subhakarā II records the grant of a village in Northern Tosali or Tosala (the area around Bhuvaneśvara and Puri) for the benefit of the temple of Pulindeśvara and the maintenance of Śaiva ascetics.<sup>3</sup> Among the Bhaṅja chiefs of Khiṇjali<sup>4</sup> who ruled in the eighth and ninth centuries, Śatrubhaṅja, one of whose grants was issued in 744 A. D., and his successor Raṇabhaṅja I are described in their inscriptions as worshippers of Viṣṇu; but Netṛbhaṅja, the son of Raṇabhaṅja I, is called a devout worshipper of Śiva.<sup>5</sup> The tutelary deity of these Bhaṅjas was Stambheśvari who appears to have been a tribal goddess like Maniyādevī of Bundelkhand (see above), or the more famous Vindhyavāsini Devī worshipped by the Śabarās. The cult of these goddesses was, as a rule, affiliated to the Tantric aspect of medieval

1 R. D. Banerjea (op. cit.), Vol. I, Chap. XIV; Vol. II, pp. 356, 366, 373.

2 Ibid. Vol. I, p. 118.

3 R. D. Banerjea (op. cit.), Vol. I, p. 158.

4 The territory corresponding to the States of Gangpur, Bonai, Bamra, Rairakho, Sonpur, Patna and Karond with a portion of Sambalpur, mostly inhabited by aboriginal tribes, was known as Khiṇjali. It was divided into two parts by the river Mahānadi. R. D. Banerjea (op. cit.), Vol. I, p. 6.

5 Ibid. Chap. XII.

Saivism. It may be added that the existence of prominent centres like Bhuvanēśvara and Khiching provides more conclusive evidence of the prevalence of the Śaiva cult in early medieval Orissa than the religious predilections of individual rulers.

#### DECCAN

From Orissa we may pass on to the Deccan which was one of the earliest centres of Śaivism in India. Most of the Vākātaka kings, who ruled in the area corresponding to Central Provinces and Berar in the fourth and fifth centuries A. D., are described in their inscriptions as *paramamāheśvara* or fervent devotees of Śiva.<sup>1</sup> One of them, Rudrasena I, who reigned in the first half of the fourth century A. D., is described as a devotee of Mahābhairava, which shows that Śiva was worshipped in both his benign and terrible forms.

The Vākātakas were related by marriage to the Bhāraśivas who are invariably mentioned in the initial portion of the inscriptions of the former. Gautami-putra, the son of Pravarasena I, married the daughter of the Bhāraśiva king Bhavanāga; and the issue of this marriage was Rudrasena I. The Bhāraśivas seem to have carved out a principality for themselves on the banks of the Ganges, as they are described as having had their coronation bath with the pure waters of the Ganges acquired by their valour. These Bhāraśivas were staunch Śaivas, as they are described as having pleased Śiva by carrying the *śivalinga* on their shoulders,<sup>2</sup> resembling in this respect the Virāśaivas or Lingayats of later times. It is possible that they originally belonged to the Deccan and later established themselves in North India.<sup>3</sup>

The Vākātakas must have built shrines dedicated to Śiva, but none of them is known to have survived. Rudrasena I is said to have built a *dharmasthāna*, probably in honour of Mahābhairava. It is also possible that the ancient flat-roofed temple at Tigowā near Bahuribandh in the Jubbalpur District was dedicated to Śiva, like the flat-roofed temple at Bhumara in Nāgod State.<sup>4</sup>

It may be noted that the cult of Viṣṇu was patronized by two of the Vākātaka kings. Unlike his predecessors, Rudrasena II worshipped Cakrapāṇi (Viṣṇu), probably under the influence of his wife Prabhāvatiguptā, the daughter of the Gupta emperor Candragupta II (380-414 A. D.); while Prthiviśena II, the last known king of the elder branch of the Vākātaka dynasty, who reigned in the second half of the fifth century A. D., is described

1 See, for instance, Mirashi: *Pattān plates of Pravarasena II*, *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XXIII, pp. 81-88; Kielhorn: *Bālāghāt Plates of Prthiviśena II*, *Ibid.* Vol. IX, pp. 267-71; and Mirashi: *The Vakataka Dynasty of the Central Provinces and Berar in Annual Bulletin of the Nagpur University Historical Society*, October, 1946.

2 'संस्तभ्यतस्तन्निवेशितशिवलिङ्गोद्भूतनक्षत्रमुपदिशुस्तुत्सादितराजवंशानाम्'

3 See Mirashi: *Pawni Stone Inscription of the Bhāra King Bhagadatta*, *MI*, Vol. XXIV pp. 11-15.

4 See above.

as a *parama-bhāgavata* or fervent worshipper of Viṣṇu in the Bālāghāt plates. The sacred hill of Rāmagiri with the footprints of Rāma on its slopes, made famous by Kālidāsa in his *Meghadūta*, was a holy spot in the Vakāṭaka age, and is mentioned as such in the Riddhapur plates of Prabhāvatiguptā which were issued from Rāmagiri.<sup>1</sup> Similarly, the Paṭṭan plates of Pravarasena II (first half of the 5th century A. D.) record the grant of a village called Aśvatthakhetaka for the maintenance of a charity hall in honour of the foot-prints of Mahāpuruṣa, evidently Viṣṇu or Rāma.<sup>2</sup> It should, however, be noted that Pravarasena II himself is described as a *parama-māheśvara* or a fervent devotee of Śiva in Vakāṭaka inscriptions.

Further light on the prominent position of Śaivism in ancient Deccan is thrown by an inscription of the early Rāstrakūta king Abhimanyu issued at Mānapura. It records the grant of a village called Uṇḍikavāṭikā to a recluse named Jaṭābhāra in honour of the god Dakṣiṇa-Śiva of Peṭhapāṅgaraka. It was formerly thought that Dakṣiṇa-Śiva might be the deity of the great Śaiva shrine in the Mahādeva Hills in the Hoshangabad District of Central Provinces; and Peṭhapāṅgaraka might be Pagāra, the headquarters of the Zamin-dari of that name. Mānapura could be Mānapura in Malwa, about twelve miles south-west of Mhow, or Mānapura near Bandhogarh in Rewa State. But, as suggested by Prof. Mirashi, it is much more probable that the Mānapura mentioned in the inscription of Abhimanyu is identical with Mān, the chief sub-division of the Sātārā District of Bombay Province, through which flows the Māṅgaṅgā, a tributary of the Bhīmā. It is noteworthy that an inscription of Avidheya, another king of the same family, records the grant of a

1 'रामगिरिस्थानिनः पादमूलात्'. Rāmagiri is now Rāmtek, a wellknown place of pilgrimage near Nagpur. At present the centre of interest is the group of temples on the hill overlooking the town. The temple of Rāmacandra, about 500 feet above the town, is the most prominent. The others are dedicated to Lakṣmaṇa, Kausalyā, Satya Nārāyaṇa, Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa, Hanumān etc. The temple of Harihara is popularly known as the Daśaratha temple. There are also two temples with huge idols of Narasimha and the remains of a very old temple of the Dwarf incarnation called Trivikrama. One of the temple courts contains a huge image of the Boar Incarnation under a small flat-roofed shrine. An inscription on a wall of the temple of Lakṣmaṇa contains the names of two kings of the Haihaya family who reigned in Mahākośala (modern Chattisgarh) in the latter part of the fourteenth century A. D., and so gives a clue to the age of the building. It is noteworthy that the aforesaid inscription refers to several Śaiva temples, such as Ghaṭeśvara, Sudheśvara, Kedāra, Ambikānātha, Dharmēśvara, Muktiśvara etc. Besides, there is a Śivaliṅga called Dhūmeśvara Mahādeva, to whom offerings are made by pilgrims before worshipping Rāma. The *liṅga* is believed to represent Śambuka, the Śūdra ascetic killed by Rāma. The presence of the Śivaliṅga in front of the temple of Rāma and the enumeration of Śiva temples in the inscription mentioned above would seem to indicate the existence of a Śaiva cult prior to the foundation of the existing Vaiṣṇava temples. It may also be noted that the group of temples on the hill includes two temples dedicated to Mahiṣāsura-mardini; and down the hill is a temple of Uṇḍikā built of massive blocks of hewn stone. For details see *Indian Antiquary*, 1908, p. 202 ff.

2 'महापुरुषपादमूलसन्निपत्योत्थम्'.



village called Pāṇḍarāṅgapalli situated on the bank of the Ane river, which is most probably identical with the Yennā, or the Venā, which rises on the Mahābaleśvara plateau and falls into a valley to the east of the Mahābaleśvara hill in the Sātārā District. As regards the shrine of Dakṣiṇa-Siva mentioned in the records of Abhimanyu, there are several Śaiva temples on the summit of hills in the Sātārā District, the best known being that of Mahābaleśvara not far from the source of the Kṛṣṇā. Mānapura was no doubt founded by Mānāṅka, the first king of the family, who is mentioned in both the inscriptions; and Abhimanyu and Avidheya were apparently ruling over the territory corresponding to the Sātārā District of Bombay Province. The inscriptions in question have been assigned to the fifth century A. D. on paleographic grounds; and genealogical considerations have led to Mānāṅka being placed in the last quarter of the fourth century and Abhimanyu towards the end of the fifth century A. D.<sup>1</sup> The rulers of Mānapura, or the Rāṣṭrakūṭas of Mānapura, as they have been called, were thus contemporaries of the Vākāṭakas, and appear to have been, like them, worshippers of Śiva. As for the cult of Viṣṇu, it no doubt existed in the Vākāṭaka age, but seems to have occupied a secondary place; and similar conditions appear to be reflected in the subsequent history of the Deccan.

Śaivism played a decisive rôle in the temple architecture of the Deccan<sup>2</sup> and the adjoining countries. The early Calukyas were mostly followers of the Vaiṣṇava cult. The Vaiṣṇava cave at Badami in the Bijapur district was excavated in 578 A. D. under Kirtivarman I; while his brother Maṅgalīśa who succeeded him upon the throne is described as a *parama-bhāgavata*. There is also no doubt that some of the ancient temples at Aihole, now a village, about twelve miles due east of Badami, were dedicated to Viṣṇu.<sup>3</sup> But, towards the beginning of the eighth century A. D., the Calukyas show a decided leaning to Śaivism, and seem to have become worshippers of Śiva. It is about this time that Paṭṭadakal, now a small village, about ten miles east of Badami, emerges as an important religious centre with Śaivism playing a dominant rôle. Three Śaiva temples of considerable size were built here, the oldest being the massive temple of Vijayēśvara, now called that of Sangameśvara built by Vijayāditya (696-733 A. D.). Of the other two, the temple of Virūpākṣa (Lokesvara) is the largest and the most important of the old temples in the Kanarese districts. It was built by Lokamahādevī, the queen consort of Vikramāditya II (733-746 A. D.), in commemoration of his having thrice conquered Kāñci or Conjeveram. 'Including the eastern and western gateways, the building measures 250 feet over all, of which the main building occupies a length of 120 feet.' Within the great hall are eighteen heavy square pillars, decorated with sculptures representing scenes from the Rāmāyaṇa and the Mahābhārata. Close to the temple of Virūpākṣa is that of Mallikārjuna, which has been identified with the temple of Trailokyēśvara

1 Mirashi: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas of Mānapura* in *ABORI*, Vol. XXV, p. 36.

2 For details see Conens: *Chalukyan Architecture of the Kanarese Districts*, Archaeological Survey of India, Vol. XLII, 1926.

3 See below (section on Vaiṣṇavism).



erected by the younger queen of Vikramāditya II, named Trailokyamahādevī, a sister of Lokamahādevī. The general plan and design are the same as in Virūpākṣa, but many parts of this temple have been left unfinished. The temples of Vijayēśvara, Virūpākṣa and Trailokyēśvara form an imposing group; and an inscription which gives us information about these three temples is engraved upon a great column which stands upon the north side of Virūpākṣa. It was erected by a sculptor, named Śubhadeva, for a Śaiva teacher named Jñānaśiva who had come from a place on the north bank of the Ganges, in 754 A. D., during the reign of Kīrtivarman II. There are certain other old Śaiva temples at Paṭṭadakal, such as those of Kāśivīśvanātha, Galaganātha and Kādasiddheśvara, but they are smaller in size, and of uncertain date; and there exist also the remains of two other temples of the same class, namely, Jambhulinga and Candrasekhara. Far more important is the large ornate temple of Pāpanātha, which cannot be later than that of Virūpākṣa, but seems to have been dedicated to Viṣṇu, as shown by the Garuḍa emblem over the shrine door. There are, however, indications that it was, at a later date, converted to Śaiva worship.<sup>1</sup>

Śiva temples are found also at Badami, in the south-east corner of the Bijapur district, the former Vātāpi, a capital of the early Cālukyas. The oldest and the best preserved is the Mālegitti-śivalaya, 'the Śaiva shrine of the female Garland-maker,' 56 feet in length, and of the same style as the older temples at Aihole. 'It is a complete Dravidian temple.... All its parts are heavy and massive and well proportioned to one another.' It seems to have been originally dedicated to Viṣṇu, with that deity in the ceiling, and Garuḍa on the lintel of the shrine doorway. Another interesting temple at Badami is the smaller one of Lakulīśa, an incarnation of Śiva, whose image is seated upon the altar in the shrine, and represented nude as usual. Badami possesses yet another old Śaiva temple, that of Virūpākṣa, which is still in use.

In a secluded glen between Paṭṭadakal and Badami is the temple of Mahākūṭeśvara, which may be ascribed to the early part of the sixth century A. D., as an inscription of 601 A. D., engraved on a column found near the temple, records an additional grant made in continuation of a previous endowment of the god Śiva under the name of Makūṭeśvaranātha. Another temple, which, on the grounds of style and 'more cyclopean-looking masonry', is regarded as older than the seventh century A. D., is that of Huchchimalli-Guḍi at Aihole. Unfortunately 'the interior of the shrine has been totally wrecked, portions of the *linga* and the paving of the floor lying about in great confusion'. An inscription of 708 A. D., upon the front of

1 'There is a *dvārapāla*, four-armed, on either side of the shrine door..... In the upper left hand of the south figure is a *trīśūla*, but it has been made of plaster, evidently after the temple was converted to Śaiva worship.' There is also the *tāṇḍava* sculpture on the face of the tower. On the other hand, 'the *aṅgadikpāla* ceiling, in the centre of the hall, has Viṣṇu reclining upon Śeṣa as its central panel instead of the *tāṇḍava* of Śiva which is usual in such ceilings found in Śaiva temples.'

Cousens (op. cit.), p. 69.

the temple, records a grant of oil to the priest of the temple by the Cālukya king Vijayāditya, the builder of the Vijayēśvara temple.

The Cālukyas were supplanted by the Rāṣṭrakūṭas about the middle of the eighth century A. D. The latter achieved little in the way of building structural temples, but they 'had their own works in hand in the north, notably the great excavations at Elūrā, which extended from the Daśa Avatāra cave to the extensive group of Jaina caves around the Indra and Jagannāth Sabhās.' These included the great monolithic temple of Kailāsa, dedicated to Śiva, which appears to have been excavated at Elūrā or Ellora, about fourteen miles northwest of Aurangabad, during the reign of Kṛṣṇa I who ruled between 756 and 775 A. D. He is described as having built many temples of Śiva, resembling the Kailāsa mountain; and, it was under the orders of this monarch that a most marvellous Śiva temple, evidently the great Kailāsa temple, is said to have been constructed on the hill at Elāpura (Elūrā).<sup>1</sup> The Kailāsa resembles the temple of Virūpākṣa (Lokeśvara) at Paṭṭadakal in plan and details, although the former is hewn out of the solid rock, and the latter is built in the ordinary way on level ground. There is similarity even in the sculptures on the two temples, representing scenes from the Rāmāyaṇa and the Mahābhārata. 'In Lokeśvara they occur upon the broad bands round the shafts of the great columns of the hall, while on Kailāsa they are sculptured in narrow bands on the wall of the basement below the porch'. 'Another unusual representation is that of the Śiva-linga with Brahmā and Viṣṇu beside it, which is found, in both cases, on the front of the temple.' The Kailāsa, in spite of its marvellous technique, and the more graceful treatment of its details, thus appears to be modelled on Virūpākṣa; and it is probable that the Rāṣṭrakūṭas copied the Cālukyan building art when they had overthrown the dynasty, just as the Cālukyas themselves had copied the Dravidian architecture of the south when they had carried their victorious arms to Kāñci or Conjeveram.<sup>2</sup> Unlike other cave-temples, the Kailāsa, once gorgeously painted, stands, isolated from the surrounding rock, 'in a great court averaging 154 feet wide by 276 long at the level of the base, entirely cut out of the solid rock, and with a scarp 107 feet high at the back.'<sup>3</sup> The bewildering amount of labour and technical skill expended on the celebrated temple bears eloquent testimony to the importance which the Śaiva cult had attained in the Deccan in the Rāṣṭrakūṭa age.

The Ellora group of cave temples includes, besides the Kailāsa, other shrines dedicated to Śiva such as the large cave north of Kailāsa (XVII), and Caves XXII (Nīlakaṇṭha), XXIII and XXVI. Far more important is Cave XXI, a lofty Śaiva temple, locally known as Rāmeśvara. 'The hall is 15½ feet high and measures 69 feet by 251 with a chapel at each end, cut off by two cushion-capital pillars.' Cave XXIX is known as Sītā's

<sup>1</sup> Bhandarkar: *Early History of the Dekkan*. Third edition, p. 109 ff.

<sup>2</sup> For an elaborate comparison between the two temples see Cousens (op. cit.), p. 62.

<sup>3</sup> Burgess: *A Guide to Elura cave temples*, p. 31. (Reprinted by the Hyderabad Archaeological Department).

Nahāni, or Dumar Lena. 'The great hall, including the shrine, is 148 feet wide by 149 deep, and 17 feet 8 inches high, but the excavation extends to about 240 feet from north to south.<sup>1</sup> This cave is remarkably similar to the great Śaiva cave temple at Elephanta, 'but it is larger and in some respects finer; it is also, perhaps, later in age.' The shrine is a small square room containing a *liṅga*, with four doors, each guarded by a pair of gigantic *dvārapālas*.

Elephanta is a small island near Bombay, about seven miles to the north-east of Apollo Bandar; and the great cave temple of Śiva hewn out of the living rock is on the north face of the western hill. The cave consists of a central hall and four vestibules, and measures about 130 feet in length, the breadth being approximately the same. The roof is supported by massive columns varying in height from 15 to 17 feet. These originally numbered twenty-six, of which eight have collapsed. The cave is remarkable for its colossal sculptures representing Śiva in his various forms including Natarāja, Gaṅgādhara and Ardhanārīśvara. But the most striking sculpture in the cave is the huge panel consisting of a triple-headed bust of Śiva, which rises to a height of 17 feet 10 inches above a moulded base, nearly 3 feet high. The image stands in a recess 10½ feet deep, 'within which the heads emerge cliff-like from the native rock.'

The triple head represents three aspects of Śiva: Tatpuruṣa (the supreme Mahādeva) in the middle, and Vāmadeva (the Beautiful) and Aghora (the Terrible) on the sides. The image of Mahādeva 'dominates the whole assemblage. It is the concrete form of Śiva whose *liṅga* is worshipped in the adjacent shrine. The plan of the rock-cut temple was thus adjusted to the image; the entire hall is laid out in front of it in its deep recess. The stage is set for that form (*rūpa*) of His who is beyond form, and who pervades the universe, which thus is His visible body.'<sup>2</sup>

The cave-temple at Elephanta has generally been assigned to the latter part of the eighth century A. D., and is probably of the same age as the excavations at Ellora, which fall in the Rāṣṭrakūṭa period. The close resemblance between the Dumar Lena at Ellora and the Elephanta cave has attracted the attention of observers; while pillars with 'compressed cushion capitals' have been found both in Elephanta and some of the cave temples at Ellora. But the simple grandeur of the Elephanta sculptures in striking contrast to the complex and grotesque multiplicity of those at Ellora suggests a somewhat earlier date for the former, possible the seventh century A. D.<sup>3</sup> In the tenth century A. D., Ellora and Elephanta must have been great centres

1 Ibid. p. 47.

2 Stella Kramrisch in *Ancient India*, Number 2, p. 7.

3 See Hirananda Sastri: *A Guide to Elephanta* (published by the Government of India) and Burgess: *The Rock temples of Elephanta or Ghārāpurī*. When the Portuguese occupied the island in 1534, the cave temple must have been in excellent preservation. The Portuguese captain Joso de Castro, who visited the island in 1538, thought that the cave could not be the work of human hands. 'Even Apelles', he says, 'might have learned from the proportion and symmetry of the figures.' 'The

of Śaiva worship, like Somanāthapattana, Ujjain, Khajurāho, and Tanjore.

Apart from the Ellora and the Elephanta cave-temples, there were no doubt other temples dedicated to Śiva in existence during the Rāṣṭrakūṭa period. It was in a Śiva temple that Govinda III (794-814 A. D.) deposited the two statues sent by the king of Ceylon as a token of submission.<sup>1</sup> 'The custom of founding a Śiva temple in commemoration of a dead ancestor, and of naming the deity after the person to be commemorated, had already become prevalent in our period. Hebbal inscription, dated 975 A. D., refers to a temple of Bhujjabbesvara built to commemorate Bhubbarasi, the grand-mother of the Gaṅga ruler Mārasimha II.' It may be noted that Śiva temples existed in Mysore during the Rāṣṭrakūṭa period. The religion of the Gaṅgas was Jainism, but they were liberal in their outlook; and some of the early kings favoured the worship of Śiva, for example, Taḍaṅgāla Mādhava and Avinita (circa 5th-6th century A. D.). A considerable number of Śiva temples seems to have been built during the rule of the later Gaṅgas who were contemporaries of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas. Notable among these are the shrine of Bhoganandisvara at the foot of the Nandi hills, Someśvara at Gangavaripalli, Kapileśvara at Manne etc.<sup>2</sup> The construction of so many temples for the worship of Śiva proves the prevalence of Śaivism side by side with Jainism in Mysore, although under the Gaṅgas the latter was the more influential and-favoured religion.

Śaiva temples were constructed or maintained, on a wide scale, during the reign of the Cālukyas of Kalyani, as shown by the various grants and endowments recorded in their inscriptions. For example, an inscription of 980 A. D. belonging to the reign of Taila II is the subject of an endowment made for the benefit of the temple of Suvarṇākṣi, a form of Śiva, styled as Śaṅkara-Svayambhū-Suvarṇamahākṣi, at Soval (Sogal in the Belgaum district).<sup>3</sup> An inscription of 1064 A. D.<sup>4</sup> records the grant of an endowment to the temple of Keśaveśvara at Poṭṭiyūr (Hoṭṭūr); another of 1074 A. D.<sup>5</sup> deals with the grant of a town for the maintenance of the sanctuary of Rāmeśvara at Pomballi (Hombli); while the temple of Mahā-Svayambhū-

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Portuguese annalist Diogo de Couto writing in the opening years of the 17th century says that the interior of the temple had formerly been covered with a coat of lime mixed with bitumen and other compositions that made the temple bright and very beautiful and worth seeing; and the features and workmanship were such that 'neither in silver or wax could such figures be engraved with greater nicety, fineness or perfection.' Unfortunately it was during Portuguese occupation that the temple was damaged and the figures sadly mutilated. For detailed references see *Commissariat-History of Gujarat*, Vol. I, Appendix, pp. 541-9.

1 Altekar: *The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and their times*, p. 69.

2 Ibid. p. 287.

3 Rao: *The Gaṅgas of Talakad*, p. 232. A systematic study of the early temples of Mysore is a desideratum.

4 *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XVI, pp. 2, 6.

5 Ibid. Vol. XVI, p. 82.

6 Ibid. p. 69 f.

Somanātha, 'the Somanātha of the South', at Purikara (Paligere, the modern Lakshmeshwar), (all in the Dharwar district), is referred to in several inscriptions belonging to the first half of the twelfth century A. D.<sup>1</sup> Further, an inscription of the reign of Soyi Deva, the son of Bijjala, records endowments made in 1172 A. D. for the temples of Śiva-Somanātha (Rāya-Murāri-Somanātha) and Bijjēśvara at Mālige (Mādagihāl in Jat State, near Bijapur).<sup>2</sup>

Apart from inscriptional evidence, there exists a large number of surviving specimens of later Cālukyan Śaiva temples, ranging from the tenth century to the end of the twelfth, mostly in the Dharwar district and the immediate neighbourhood.<sup>3</sup> In fact, it will be no exaggeration to say that later Cālukyan architecture was almost entirely devoted to the glorification of the Śaiva faith. The advent of the later Cālukyas under Taila II, towards the end of the tenth century, gave a fresh impetus to temple building; and it is from this time that we notice a gradual transformation of the earlier Dravidian style, till what is known as the Cālukyan style came into existence. In the first place, the earlier building material, the rougher grained sandstone, was abandoned in favour of 'the more compact, tractable, and finer grained black stone known as chloritic schist, which dresses down to a much finer surface, and has enabled the sculptors to produce so much of that beautiful, delicate, lacelike tracery which characterises the later work.' In the second place, there was a diminution in the size of the masonry, the heavy cyclopean blocks of the early temples being discarded in favour of much smaller ones. Finally, the storied or horizontal arrangement of the towers, a prominent characteristic of the Dravidian style found in the early temples, became obliterated by a great profusion of ornamental detail, and underwent a process of approximation to the vertical bands up the centre of each face of the Northern tower. The transition from the earlier to this later style, evolved about the tenth and eleventh centuries, is seen in the Śaiva temple of Kalleśvara at Kukkanūr<sup>4</sup> and the Jaina temple at Lakkunḍi<sup>5</sup>; while that of Kāśivīśveśvara at the latter place shows a further marked development of the Cālukyan tower. On a beam in the hall of the latter building is an inscription, dated in the thirteenth year of the reign of the later Cālukya king Vikramāditya VI, which corresponds to 1087 A. D.<sup>6</sup> One of the finest of existing Cālukyan temples 'probably the finest temple in the Kanarese districts, after Halebid,' is that of Mahādeva in the small village of Ittagi, in the Nizam's territory, about twenty-two miles due east of Gadag in the Dharwar district. 'It measures, over all, 120 feet by 66 feet,' and consists of a shrine, with its antechamber, a closed and a great open hall at the east end, which was originally supported upon sixty-eight pillars. The temple is mentioned in

1 Ibid. *Three Inscriptions of Lakshmeshwar* by L. D. Barnett.

2 Ibid. Vol. XV, p. 317.

3 See Cousens (op. cit.), p. 74 ff.

4 A village in the Nizam's territory, at a short distance across the border from Gadag in the Dharwar district.

5 Now a small village near Gadag.

6 Cousens (op. cit.), p. 79.

an inscription of 1112 A. D., which tells us that it was founded, as a temple of Śiva, under the name Mahādevaśvara, by Mahādeva, the *daṇḍa-nāyaka*, or general, of Vikramāditya VI (1075-1125 A. D.). He founded also a temple of Nārāyaṇa, and other Śaiva shrines such as those of Caṇḍāleśvara and Bhairava.<sup>1</sup>

One of the largest Śaiva temples of the Cālukyan period, in the Dharwar district, is that of Tārakeśvara, in the town of Hāṅgal, 'chiefly remarkable for the magnificent dome which covers the central portion of the great hall,' the roof of which is supported upon fifty-two pillars. The temple of Kaiṭhabheśvara at Anavatti, in Maisur, just across the border from the Dharwar district, is distinguished by its unusually lofty hall, the pillars being massive in proportion. The temple of Dakṣiṇa-Kedāreśvara at Balagāmve is now shorn of its importance, but it was a great educational centre, of which we have already spoken. Śaiva temples of the Cālukyan period are found also at Chaudadāmpur (*Muktesvara*), Hāveri (*Siddhesvara*), Haralhalli (*Somesvara*), and Raṭṭehalli (*Kadambesvara*), all in the Dharwar district.

The temple of Kadambesvara contains an inscription which records a grant to it in 1174 A. D. for repairing the building. Inscriptions dating from 899 to 1262 A. D. are engraved on several slabs standing beside the temple at Chaudadāmpur, the later ones recording grants and gifts to the god of the temple under the names of Muktesvara and Muktinātha.

The temple of Madhukesvara at Banavāsi, a very ancient place, now a village, eighteen miles south by west from Hāṅgal, belongs to the eleventh century, as one of the inscribed slabs in and around the temple records a grant in the year 1068 A. D. The so-called Temple of the Sixty Columns, now in a ruined state, at Bankapur, and that of Trikuṭeśvara at Gadag, both in the Dharwar district, may also be ascribed to the eleventh century. The former temple contains inscriptions upon either side of the shrine door, recording grants made to the god Nāgareśvara in 1188 and 1091 A. D. Similarly, one of the inscriptions collected together at the temple of Trikuṭeśvara records a grant made in 1062 A. D. in the time of Āhavamalla II.<sup>2</sup> Cālukyan temples are found also in the Bellary district of the Madras Presidency, and most of them are dedicated to Śiva (*Kallesvara*, *Kattesvara*, *Bhimesvara* etc.).<sup>3</sup> There is no doubt that the inspiration derived from Saivism helped the building art of the Cālukyas and the technical competence of their craftsmen to give a distinctive stamp to Indian culture in the Deccan.

Even in the northern part of the Deccan, outside the sphere of the Cālukyas, we find a preponderance of temples dedicated to Śiva.<sup>4</sup> The most ornate of the temples in the Deccan style is that at the village of Ambarnātha, about four miles south-east of Kalyan, in the Thana district. 'This chef-d'oeuvre of the builder's art' was built for the worship of Śiva

1 Poussin: *Dynasties et Histoire de l'Inde*, p. 211; *Epigraphia Indica*, Vol. XIII, p. 36 ff.

2 Cousens (op. cit.), pp. 84, 96, 104, 112, 128.

3 See Bea: *Chalukyan Architecture*, Archaeological Survey of India, New Imperial Series, Vol. XXI.

4 See Cousens: *Mediaeval Temples of the Dakhan*, Archaeological Survey of India, Vol. XLVIII.



in 1060 A. D., during the reign of the Śilāhāra chief Mummuni or Māmvāpi. The temple measures 89 feet by 73½ feet, and is made up of the sanctum and *maṇḍapa* or hall, the latter being provided with three entrances, each with its own porch. The temples in the Deccan style are not remarkable for their size, that of Gondeśvara or Govindeśvara at Sinnar, twenty miles south of Nasik, being about the largest now standing. It is a *pañcāyatana* temple forming a group of five shrines, the central main temple being dedicated to Śiva, and the four small surrounding shrines to Viṣṇu, Gaṇapati and others. It is supposed to have been built by Rāv Govinda; and 'it is possible it may be named after Govindarāja, one of the Yādava princes, who ruled about the beginning of the 12th century'. Another temple, that of Maheśvara, at Pāṭṇā, ten miles to the south-west of Chalisgaon in Khandesh, was completed by a chief Govana, of the Nikumbha family, who was ruling in that locality under the Yādavas in 1153 A.D.<sup>1</sup>

To sum up, the temple architecture of the Deccan bears testimony to the paramount character of Śaivism in that region from about the eighth century to the end of the twelfth. No other faith, whether Vaiṣṇavism or Jainism, during this period, found so elaborate an expression in the building art of the time.

#### SOUTH INDIA

From Deccan we may turn to South India properly so called. The classic land of Śaivism was the Tamil country which witnessed one of the greatest epochs of the faith. Śaivism is prevalent in South India even today; and it is said that the Saivas form the bulk of the population in the districts of Tinnevely, Madura, Trichinopoly, Tanjore, South Arcot, Chingleput, Madras, North Arcot, Salem and Coimbatore, and are also found in large numbers in certain parts of Ceylon, Malabar and Travancore; in short, wherever Tamil is the prevailing tongue.<sup>2</sup> Going back to early times, we find sixty-three canonized saints known as Nāyanmars or Aḍiyārs, who are the real founders of Śaivism in South India. Included among them is Koccenganān, one of the Cola kings mentioned in early Tamil literature. He must have flourished long before the seventh century when he had already become a legendary figure. The importance of Koccenganān lies in the fact that he appears to have been one of the earliest builders of Śiva temples in the Tamil country. The Vaiṣṇava Ālvār Tirumangai, who lived about the middle of the eighth century, says in one of his hymns that the king built seventy beautiful shrines dedicated to Śiva, besides offering worship to Viṣṇu at Tirunaraiyūr. He is also described as having founded other temples to Śiva in the hymns of Sambandar and Sundaramūrti.<sup>3</sup>

1 An old temple of Śiva called Mallikārjuna exists at Nagansur in Akalkot State, near Sholapur in Bombay Province. It is built in the Cālukyan style, popularly known as Hemādpanthi; and, like all temples built in this style, it has an open porch in front of the *maṇḍapa* which is supported by four elaborately carved pillars. A temple of Śiva, apparently of the later Cālukyan period, was discovered and excavated under the inner wall of the old fort at Sholapur. *Progress Report of the Archaeological Survey of India, Western Circars*, 1919, p. 59; 1920, p. 74.

2 *Tamilian Antiquary*, No. 3, p. 1. 1909.

3 Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, p. 67.



The chronology of the *Āḍiyārs* has not been settled in all its details, but the saint Appar and his younger and more influential contemporary Sambandar are known to have lived in the first half of the seventh century A. D. Sambandar was a contemporary of another Śaiva devotee, Siruttondar, who was the general of the Pallava king Narasimhavarman I, and conquered with him Vātāpi, the Chālukyan capital, about 642 A. D.<sup>1</sup> The next important saint, Sundaramūrti, has been assigned to the early part of the ninth century A. D. The saint Śeramān Perumāḷ was a contemporary of Sundaramūrti.<sup>2</sup>

The hymns composed by Appar, Sambandar and Sundaramūrti form the first seven sections of the Śaiva canonical literature in Tamil. Of the eleven sections of this literature, the first three contain the hymns of Sambandar, and the next three those of Appar; while the seventh is composed of the hymns of Sundaramūrti. These seven sections, or rather collections, constitute the group known as the *Tēvāram*.<sup>3</sup> The eighth section contains the famous *Tiruvāsakam* of the great saint and poet Māpikkavāṣagar. He has been assigned to various dates, but it is almost certain that he is considerably earlier than the seventh century, as Appar refers to a well-known miracle associated with his life, and mentions a *Vācaka* who seems to be identical with the saint.<sup>4</sup> The hymns of the *Āḍiyārs* give fervid expression to intense, self-effacing devotion to Śiva, and proclaim absolute faith in His abounding grace and beneficent mission. Their religious fervour and spiritual depth represent an early phase of Śaivism of which the keynote is *bhakti*.

Tamil Śaivism has an important bearing on the religious conflict, to which we have referred in this work. Here, Śaivism was in open conflict with Jainism, and the antagonism was far more deep-rooted than in the Deccan, where the Jaina faith continued to be in a favoured position until long after its discomfiture at Kāñci and Madura. In the Tamil country Jainism lost effective royal patronage as early as the seventh century A. D. when it had only commenced to obtain royal favour in the Deccan, for example, under Pulakeśi II. The great Pallava king Mahendravarman I was converted from Jainism to the Śaiva faith by Appar in the first quarter of the seventh century A. D. The Śaiva saint had been persecuted by Mahendra; but, after his conversion, the king became an ardent champion of the new faith, and is said to have demolished the Jaina monastery at Pātaliṭṭirāma, a seat of Jaina learning in the South Arcot district, and built a Śiva temple on the spot.<sup>5</sup> Appar himself was born a Śaiva, became a Jaina and leader of the Jaina settlement at Pātali (now the modern town of Cuddalore), and later reverted to his former religion.<sup>6</sup> Further to the south, Kūṇ Pāṇḍya of

1. Jouveau-Dubreuil: *The Pallavas*, p. 68.

2. Aiyangar: *Some Contributions of South India to Indian Culture*, p. 217.

3. *Tamilian Antiquary* (op. cit.), p. 2.

4. Ibid. No. 4, pp. 1-55. See also Sastri: *The Pāṇḍyan Kingdom*, p. 67.

5. Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. I, p. 40; Longhurst: *Pallava Architecture*, Part I, p. 7.

6. Aiyangar (op. cit.), p. 237.

Madura was similarly converted from Jainism to the Śaiva faith by the saint Sambandar; and this king has been identified with Arikesari Māravarman who commenced his reign about the middle of the seventh century A. D.<sup>1</sup> The conversion of Kūn Pāṇḍya and Mahendravarman I may be regarded as a turning point in the history of Śaivism in South India, as it meant practically the elimination of Jainism as a serious rival. But the story of the persecution of the Jainas, eight thousand of whom are said to have been cruelly put to death at Madura at the instigation of Sambandar, is probably an exaggeration for which the Tamil *Purāṇas* are responsible.<sup>2</sup> Sambandar was, however, noted for his anti-Jaina zeal, as he has given vent to his implacable hatred of the Jainas in all his hymns.<sup>3</sup> The rancour against the Jainas lurked in various legends, one of which recounts, for instance, that these heretics once sent an elephant to destroy the city of Madura, but Śiva petrified the beast in the form of the neighbouring Ānamalai hill.<sup>4</sup>

The Śaiva Āḍiyārs as well as the Vaiṣṇava Ālvārs were assiduous in combating heresy in the Tamil land. Māṇikkavāṣagar turned against the Buddhists, whom he defeated in argument at Chidambaram and thereafter converted to the Śaiva faith. He was a high officer of the Pāṇḍya king of the time until he renounced the world at the call of Śiva; and it is possible that Pāṇḍyan rule included Chidambaram in his day. The dialectical triumph of Māṇikkavāṣagar was repeated by Sambandar at Madura, but his opponents were the Jainas, who refused to adopt the Śaiva faith despite their humiliation.<sup>5</sup> Thus, while the earlier saint was an antagonist of the Buddhists, the efforts of Sambandar were directed against Jainism; and, it may be assumed that the hostility of so influential a leader of religious opinion contributed towards the retrogression of the Jaina faith in the South. The rôle of Appar in this conflict of religions was no less important, as the conversion of Mahendravarman I gave to Śaivism one of its greatest patrons and protagonists. The decline of Jainism in the Tamil country was thus largely due to the loss of royal patronage and popular support brought about by the influence and missionary zeal of the leading Śaiva saints. The process of decay, far-reaching as it was, must have been gradual, as references to Jaina temples and images are occasionally found in the records of the succeeding centuries. It is noteworthy that, as late as the first quarter of the tenth century, the Pāṇḍya king Rājasimha II is said to have endowed, among others, several Jaina temples. 'It is clear from such facts that Jainism was not overwhelmed so completely as Buddhism by the rising tide of Śaivism and Vaiṣṇavism in the land.'<sup>6</sup>

The paramount influence of Śaivism in the Tamil country is also attested by the temple architecture of the time, as in the case of the Deccan.

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- 1 Jouveau-Dubreuil: *The Pallavas*, p. 68.
  - 2 Sastri: *The Pāṇḍyan Kingdom*, p. 97.
  - 3 *Tamilian Antiquary*, No. 3, p. 7.
  - 4 Sastri (op. cit.), p. 4.
  - 5 Sastri (op. cit.), p. 96.
  - 6 Sastri (op. cit.), p. 95.

As stated above, the early Cola king Kocenganan is said to have built many Śiva temples; while the Tevāram saints celebrate a very large number of them in their hymns.<sup>1</sup> But, so far as existing examples are concerned, South Indian architecture may be said to begin with the Pallavas, or more precisely, with the reign of Mahendravarman I in the first quarter of the seventh century A. D. The shrines, before his time, appear to have been built of perishable materials, but he introduced the art of excavating temples in the natural rock in the Tamil country. Almost the first cave temple, 'caused to be built by King Curious-minded, without bricks, without timber and without mortar,' is the one at Mādagappattu in the South Arcot district; and it was dedicated to Brahmā, Viṣṇu and Śiva.<sup>2</sup> Most of the remaining caves, with one exception, were excavated for the worship of Śiva under the form of the *liṅga*; and they are found in the North Arcot, Chingleput, and South Arcot districts of the Madras Presidency. The name Mahendra occurs in inscriptions on the caves at Trichinopoly, Pallāvaram, Mahendravāḍi and Vallam; while one or other of his *birudas* is mentioned in those on the caves at Dalavānūr and Śiyamaṅgalam.<sup>3</sup> Mahendravarman's comic play *Mattavilāsaprahasana* is mentioned in a mutilated inscription on one of the caves at Māmaṇḍūr<sup>4</sup> in the North Arcot district.

One of the inscriptions on the upper cave cut in the rock at Trichinopoly contains a verse, which has been taken to refer to Mahendravarman's former hostility to the Śaiva religion. The verse in question seems to express the hope that, while king Guṇabhara (one of the *birudas* of Mahendravarman I) is a worshipper of the *liṅga* emblem, the *liṅga* enshrined in the temple will proclaim the fact that he has desisted from 'hostile action', that is, his former persecution of the Śaiva faith.<sup>5</sup>

Mahendravarman's conversion gave a new impetus to Śaivism in the Tamil land. Only one of his caves, that at Mahendravāḍi, is dedicated to Viṣṇu. The rock-cut temple at Singavaram in the South Arcot district contains a very large image of Viṣṇu sleeping on the serpent Ananta, and is thought to belong to the epoch of Mahendravarman on architectural grounds. Of the three caves at Vallam (near Chingleput) two are dedicated to Śiva, one of which contains an inscription of Mahendravarman: the third cave is dedicated to Viṣṇu.<sup>6</sup> Reference may be made in this connection to the great rock-cut temple at Undavalli in the Guntur district, situated on the

1 *Tamilian Antiquary*, No 4, p. 30.

2 'एतदनिष्टममृतामृतं विविचिष्येन निर्मासितं नृपेन त्रयोदशविष्णुकक्षितावतनम्' See Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Confessaram Inscription of Mahendravarman I*, Trichinopoly, 1919.

3 Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. 1, p. 39.

4 *Ibid.*: *The Pallavas*, p. 39.

5 *South Indian Inscriptions*, Vol. I, 1890, p. 29. The temple is excavated half way up the Trichinopoly rock, and consists of a rock-cut hall measuring 30 feet in length and 15 feet in width. A remarkable sculptural panel, carved in the west wall of the hall, and measuring about seven feet square, represents Śiva with four arms, the right upper arm holding the Ganges issuing from his hair.

6 Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. I, pp. 49-53.

south bank of the Kṛṣṇā opposite to Bezvada. 'The temple consists of a ground floor and three upper storeys hewn out of the natural rock. It has a frontage of about 90 feet in length and rises to a height of 50 feet from the ground level.' The ground floor and especially the third or top storey are unfinished. The temple may be said in fact to be four-storeyed, but its different storeys are supposed to represent 'three temples of the Mahendra period excavated one above the other in the same rock.' The principal image in the temple is a huge decayed image of Viṣṇu lying on the serpent Ananta found in the second storey. 'A similar figure exists in the shrine attached to the big Śiva temple at Mahābalipuram known as the Shore temple, and it also occurs in a large bas-relief panel in a Śiva temple close to the Lighthouse at the same place.' The colossal image of Anantaśayana and certain Vaiṣṇava sculptures have led to the belief that the rock-cut temple at Undavalli was originally dedicated to Viṣṇu. But, as we have seen, it is not rare to find an image of Viṣṇu, particularly in the form of Anantaśayana, located in a Śiva temple. 'The style of the doorkeepers, panels and niches containing Śaiva figures, and the group of rock-cut miniature Śiva temples containing *liṅga*s on the hill close by all indicate that Undavalli was a stronghold of the *liṅga* cult in the seventh century in spite of the presence of Vaiṣṇava figures in the big temple.' The origin of the temples at Undavalli and Bezvada is obscure; and 'there is no actual proof that they are the works of the Pallavas, but their architectural style seems to denote that they were excavated by the latter and that they represent their earliest attempts in this direction before the Pallavas were driven south by the Chālukyas and executed similar but better works in the Tamil Country.'

There is an ancient Pallava cave-temple known as the Orukal Maṇḍapa on the east side of the Vedagiriśvara hill bordering the town of Tirukkalukkunram not far from Chingleput. The temple was dedicated to Śiva as the shrine contains a large cylindrical granite *liṅga*. 'The style of its architecture clearly denotes that it was excavated in the reign of Mahendra. The Vedagiriśvara temple on the summit of the hill is likewise an ancient structure, but later than the Orukal Maṇḍapa. Carved on the back wall of the main shrine of this temple is the Somaskanda panel representing Śiva and Pārvatī in the centre with the child Skanda seated between them. It may be noted that the Somaskanda panel is not found in any

1 Longhurst: *Pallava Architecture*, Part I, pp. 5, 22, 27, 29. Jouveau-Dubreuil first pointed out that the Undavalli caves closely resemble those of Mahendravarman, but he thought that they were the work of the Viṣṇukundins who seem to have reigned on the banks of the Godāvari and the Kṛṣṇā towards the end of the sixth century A. D., before that country was conquered by the Chālukyas. Further, as the caves of Trichinopoly and Pallāvaram contain certain surnames of Mahendravarman, which are all of Telugu origin, Jouveau-Dubreuil supposed that Mahendravarman I reigned over the Telugu country and imported into the Tamil country the art that existed on the banks of the Kṛṣṇā. *The Pallavas*, pp. 32, 33. Longhurst assumes, on purely architectural grounds, that the Bezvada and Undavalli cave-temples are Pallava monuments of the early part of the seventh century.

shrine of the temples of the Mahendra period. It appears in the reign of Narasimhavarman I, e. g. on the back wall of the shrine cell in the Dharmarāja Ratha, and occurs in all the Pallava temples of the Rājashrīha period.

Mahendravarman I was succeeded by Narasimhavarman I in the second quarter of the seventh century A. D. He was the founder of the sea-coast town of Māmallapuram, now the village of Mahābalipuram, on a strip of sand, about 40 miles south of Madras. All his monuments as well as those of his grandson Paramēśvarvarman I (about 655–690 A. D.) are mainly found at this place, and consist of cave-temples and the so-called *rathas*. The cave-temples are rock-cut excavations of the same style as those of the Mahendra period, but there is a distinct improvement in design and workmanship. The clumsy pillars with cubical capitals of the Mahendra period are replaced by elegant pillars with bulbous capitals, and the interiors are 'often decorated with sculptural figures in high-relief of great beauty and executed with remarkable skill.' The *rathas* are monolithic free-standing temples, delicately carved, and look like rock-cut models of structural temples.<sup>1</sup> 'A few were dedicated to Vishnu, but most of them were devoted to the worship of Śiva and his consort Pārvatī, the latter sometimes in the form of Durgā. In a few cases, a combined worship of Śiva and Viṣṇu seems to have occurred in the same temple.'

The most remarkable monument at Mahābalipuram is the so-called Dharmarāja Ratha, 'a lofty pyramidal-roofed temple with three storeys of cell-terraces above the ground floor, rising to a small octagonal dome.' The ground floor consists of a hall, about 28 feet square, with a projecting portico facing the west. As an example of marvellous stone-cutting and carving, it is 'quite the most wonderful monument in Southern India. It is also very interesting as the prototype of the lofty structural pyramidal temples of later times.'

It may be definitely stated that the Dharmarāja Ratha and the Gapeśa Temple<sup>2</sup>, 'quite the most finished and ornate' of all the *rathas*,

1 For example, the so-called Arjuna's Ratha (*these local names have no historical significance*) represents 'a stone model of a small two-storeyed building crowned with an octagonal bell-shaped dome mainly of timber construction.' The Sahadeva's Ratha consists of a ground floor and two upper storeys, with a waggon-headed roof. All three floors are apsidal-ended like Buddhist *cāityas* or churches. 'Like all the other so-called *rathas*, it is obviously a stone model of a building mainly of wooden construction.' The Bhīma's Ratha is waggon-roofed: 'it is a stone model of a large barn-like building mainly of timber construction. On plan it measures 42 feet in length, 25 feet in width and is about 25 feet high.' The roof of this so-called Bhīma's Ratha 'would seem to be the prototype of the ordinary waggon roof of all the great *gopurams* or gate-ways of the South Indian temples.' The *ratha* known as the Gapeśa temple is an oblong monolithic edifice 'with two upper storeys and a waggon-roof, having two gable end facades with horseshoe bargeboards like Bhīma's Ratha which it closely resembles, although much smaller, being only 20 feet in length from north to south, 11½ feet in width, and 28 feet in height.' See Longhurst: *Pallava Architecture*, Part II.

2 So called, because an image of Gapeśa was installed in the temple by the villagers in recent times.

and the cave-temples known as the Dharmarāja Maṇḍapa and the Rāmānuja Maṇḍapa were originally dedicated to Śiva. The name *atyanta-kāma-pallavesvara-grha*, 'the Śiva temple of Atyantakāma Pallava', is inscribed on the east and west sides of the third storey of the Dharmarāja Ratha, and occurs also in a duplicate inscription on the Gaṇeśa temple and the Dharmarāja Maṇḍapa. Further, a verse condemning those who do not worship Śiva occurs in the same inscription, and is found also inscribed on the Rāmānuja Maṇḍapa<sup>1</sup>. As regards *atyanta-kāma*, it seems to have been a *biruda* of both Narasimhavarman I and Paramesvaravarman I. The name Śri-Narasimha and the epithet *atyanta-kāma* occur, the former twice, in a string of inscription (Nos. 1-16) engraved in an archaic alphabet on the Dharmarāja Ratha, showing that it was founded by Narasimhavarman I. The name Paramesvara and the title Atyantakāma occur in the duplicate inscription on the Gaṇeśa temple and the Dharmarāja Maṇḍapa; and it is probable that the reference is to Paramesvaravarman I.<sup>2</sup> As both these temples are called *atyanta-kāma-pallavesvara-grha*, the title Atyantakāma is here thought to refer to Paramesvaravarman I. But the name *atyanta-kāma-pallavesvara-grha* is inscribed also on the east side of the third storey of the Dharmarāja Ratha (Inscription No. 17), not in the archaic alphabet of Inscriptions 1-16, but in the florid alphabet used in the inscriptions on the Dharmarāja Maṇḍapa and the Gaṇeśa temple. It is therefore supposed that the Dharmarāja Ratha was built by Narasimhavarman I, but it was consecrated by Paramesvaravarman I, surnamed Atyantakāma, who gave it the name of Atyantakāmapallavesvara.<sup>3</sup>

Most of the other temples at Mahābalipuram were devoted to the worship of Śiva. The rock-cut temple near the Durgā shrine is a large five-celled Śaiva temple similar, on plan and in dimensions, to the temple of Mahendravarman at Pallāvaram.<sup>4</sup> The central shrine of the Trimūrti temple was dedicated to Śiva, and 'contains a basrelief carved on the back wall representing a four-armed standing image of Śiva.' The so-called Arjuna's Ratha was also dedicated to Śiva, and contained a head of the deity surmounted by the trident. It is believed that 'these trident heads were set up in the shrine cells in place of the usual Śiva *lingas*. The custom appears to have been peculiar to the Pallavas as such images do not seem to have been discovered elsewhere.' The Mahiṣāsura Maṇḍapa is a large triple-celled Śaiva cave-temple: 'a socket hole, cut in the centre of the floor of the cell, points to the fact that it had, or was designed for a Śiva *linga*.' A large square panel on the back wall of the shrine chamber contains a bas-relief representing the Sukhāsana group (Śiva, Pārvatī, the child Skanda and the bull Nandi).

1 'यिक् देवां यिक् देवां पुनरपि यिनिविगस्तु यिक् देवां । देवां न वसति हृदये कुपयति विमोक्षको बहः ॥'

2 अमायक्षिजमायोऽसावगुणो गुणभाजनः । स्वस्वो निरुधरो बीषादनीशः परमेश्वरः ॥ v. 2. अत्यन्तकामो नृपतिर्निजितारातिमण्डलः । क्यातो रणजयः शम्भोस्तेनेर्देवैश्च कारितम् ॥ v. 5. Paramesvara in v. 2 primarily refers to Śiva, but seems to refer also to the king of that name.

3 See *South Indian Inscriptions*, Vol. I, 1890, pp. 1-6; Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. I, pp. 60-64.

4 Longhurst (op. cit.), p. 13.



The two cave-temples known as the Varāha Maṇḍapa and the Varāha Temple appear to be the only ancient Vaiṣṇava shrines at Mahābalipuram. Carved in bas-relief in four large panels on the walls of the former are remarkable sculptures representing the Varāha Avatāra, the Vāmana Avatāra, Lakṣmī and Durgā. The Varāha Temple contains a large bas-relief, 8 feet high, of the Boar Incarnation, carved on the back wall of the shrine chamber. Vaiṣṇavism seems to have ousted the Śaiva faith from its dominant position at Māmallapuram at a much later date when the *lingas* were cast out of the shrines, and some of the Śiva temples damaged and subjected to what has been called Vaiṣṇava vandalism.<sup>1</sup> But there is no doubt that during the Pallava period Māmallapuram was a stronghold of Śaiva worship.

There must have been Śaiva temples at other places besides Māmallapuram during the reigns of Narasimhavarman I and Paramesvaravarman I. The Kūram plates issued by the latter, sometime after his victory over the Chālukya Vikramāditya I in 674 A. D., record a grant to the Śiva temple of Vidyāvinīta Pallaveśvara, which has been identified with the dilapidated Śiva temple at Kūram, a village near Conjeeveram.<sup>2</sup> At Melacheri in the South Arcot district there is a cave-temple dedicated to Śiva, which contains an inscription recording the fact that it was built by the emperor Candrāditya. It has been surmised by Jouveau-Dubreuil on paleographic grounds that Candrāditya was a name of Narasimhavarman I or Paramesvaravarman I.<sup>3</sup>

The Pallava cave-temples<sup>4</sup> are small in comparison with the stupendous excavations at Ellora, and appear to have gone out of vogue by the end of the seventh century. Paramesvaravarman I was succeeded by his son Narasimhavarman II, or Rājasimha, who distinguished himself by his piety and devotion to Śiva. About the first decade of the eighth century A. D., he built the central shrine of the Kailāsanātha temple at Conjeeveram, the Shore Temple at Mahābalipuram, and the old Śiva temple at Panamalai in the South Arcot district.<sup>5</sup> The temples of Rājasimha possess fluted black stone *lingas*,

1 Longhurst (op. cit.), Part II, pp. 5, 34, 37. 'The comparatively ruined and desecrated state of the Śaiva shrines, and the dispersion, overthrow and destruction of *lingas*, together with the unmolested state of the Vaiṣṇava temples and symbols, suggest strongly the violent overthrow of the Śaiva by the Vaiṣṇava faith at Māmallapuram. The interior of the so-called Rāmānuja Maṇḍapa was completely wrecked, and one of the pillars of the Mahiṣāsura Maṇḍapa was cut out and removed to the Varāha Temple, presumably, to be used in the construction of the modern *maṇḍapa* erected in front of the old rock-cut shrine. The few Tamil inscriptions dating from 1073 to 1235 A. D. that have been found at Māmallapuram, indicate that the Vaiṣṇava sect was dominant during that period, and its followers seem to have remained in the ascendant down to the present day. They still occupy the Varāha Temple and the large modern-looking Sthalasayana Temple in the village and keep up the services of their sect therein.'

2 Jouveau-Dubreuil: *The Pallavas*, p. 45.

3 Ibid.: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. I, p. 66.

4 One of the largest, the so-called Mahiṣāsura Maṇḍapa, is 32 feet long from north to south, 15 feet wide and 12½ feet high.

5 See Longhurst: *Pallava Architecture*, Part III.



and on the back wall of the shrine is carved the Somaskanda panel representing Śiva and Pārvati, seated, with the child Skanda on the latter's knee. The temple of Airāvateśvara at Conjeevaram is also dedicated to Śiva, and bears all the characteristics of the style of Rājasiṃha, but it is not definitively known whether it was built in his reign.<sup>1</sup>

The Shore Temple is built on the shore within a few feet of the sea at Mahābalipuram. From an architectural point of view, it appears to be earlier than the central shrine of the Kailāsanātha temple, as the latter seems to be mainly a development of the former. The Shore Temple faces the sea on the east side, and at the back facing the west is another Śiva temple, smaller in size, but built in the same style as the main building. 'The stepped tower over the central shrine is divided into three main storeys, like Dharma-rāja's *ratha*, and is crowned with the usual umbrella-shaped ornament surmounted by a lofty black stone *Kalasam* or urn-finial.'

The central shrine of the Kailāsanātha temple at Conjeeveram is called Rājasiṃheśvara in old inscriptions, as it was built by Rājasiṃha; while his son Mahendravarman III seems to have completed the edifice. Mahendravarman III built also a smaller Śiva temple with a waggon-headed roof, now called Nāradeśvara, in front of the Kailāsanātha Temple, and named it Mahendresvara, or Mahendravarmesvara, after himself.<sup>2</sup> At a distance of 26 feet to the east, in front of the central shrine of the Kailāsanātha or Rājasiṃheśvara temple, is an old *Maṇḍapa* or pillared hall which seems to have been built about the same time as the temple. It is now connected with the latter 'by an unsightly modern apartment with an entrance on the south side.' 'The pyramidal tower over the central shrine is divided into three main storeys rising to a total height of about 50 feet and is crowned with the usual umbrella ornament surmounted by an urn-finial.'

The provision of procession paths and big enclosures around the temples of the Rājasiṃha period is an entirely new feature, as in the earlier Pallava temples it was not customary to surround the shrine with a circumambulatory passage or procession path, nor was any attempt made to provide walled enclosures or temple-yards around the shrines prior to this period. 'It would appear that, originally, the procession path, or passage around the shrine was open to the sky as in the Shore Temple. In the Panamalai and Conjeeveram temples, we find the passage closed with a flat roof and the interior in total darkness.' 'The style of the temples of the earlier period shows that the Hinduism of those early days was a simple, straight-forward form of worship conducted openly, and free from that secrecy and mysticism which forms such a striking feature of that religion in later times, necessitating the provision of secret passages around the shrine, gloomy interiors and high-walled enclosures, features quite unknown in the earlier examples.' The elaboration of structural details and appendages shows that the cults of the temples and Śaiva ritual in particular tended to become more and more elaborate and complex, say from the eighth century onwards.

<sup>1</sup> Jouveau-Dubreuil: *The Pallavas*, p. 46.

<sup>2</sup> Longhurst (op. cit.), Part III, p. 10.

The temple of Kailāsanātha at Conjeeveram is of considerable historical importance, as it serves as one of the connecting links between the architecture of Southern India and that of the Deccan. The Chālukya Vikramāditya II (733-746 A. D.), who invaded the Pallava dominions (Tunḍāka-ṣiṣaya or Tondai-maṇḍalam), defeated the Pallava king Nandi-varman and entered Kāñci or Conjeeveram. But he spared the Pallava capital and seems to have respected and admired its monuments, the Rājasimheśvara or the Kailāsanātha temple in particular. It is stated in the Vakkaleri grant that he acquired great religious merit by restoring to the stone temple of Rājasimheśvara, caused to be built by Narasimha-pota-varman, and to other temples, the gold, which had probably been confiscated by his subordinates without his permission.<sup>1</sup> That Vikramāditya II visited the Kailāsnātha temple seems to be proved by a Kanarese inscription engraved on a pillar of the ancient *Maṇḍapa* in front of the central shrine, which begins with the name of "Vikramāditya Satyāśraya Śrī-Prthivi-vallabha", and mentions the temple of Rājasimheśvara.<sup>2</sup> As mentioned above, the great temple of Virūpākṣa at Paṭṭadakal was built by the queen consort of Vikramāditya II in commemoration of his conquest of Kāñci; and the superior technique of that temple, as compared with the shrine of Vijayēśvara built by his predecessor Vijayāditya, has been explained by supposing that Vikramāditya II must have brought with him skilled artisans from the southern capital. That this is not a mere guess is shown by an inscription on the eastern gateway of Virūpākṣa, which speaks of the builder of the Lokēśvara (Virūpākṣa) temple as 'the most eminent *sūtradhāri* of the southern country.' Further, "high up on the front or east face of the temple of Pāpanātha at Paṭṭadakal is an inscription in praise of a certain Chāṭṭara-Revadi-Ovajja who is said to have 'made the southern country', i. e. was the builder of the temples of the southern country. He belonged to the same guild, the Sarvasiddhi-ācāryas, as the builder of Virūpākṣa in the last inscription." It is therefore probable that the old temple of Vijayēśvara at Paṭṭadakal was constructed by local builders, and that of Virūpākṣa by more capable architects from the Pallava capital.<sup>3</sup> It may be assumed that Vikramāditya's conquest of Kāñci indirectly gave a stimulus to the building art and the Saiva faith in the Deccan, and the temples of Conjeeveram and the shrine of Rājasimheśvara in particular seem to have been the main source of inspiration.

Narasimhavarman II or Rājasimha was succeeded by Mahendrarman III, and the latter by Paramēśvaravarman II. Paramēśvaravarman II built an important Viṣṇu temple, that of Vaikunṭha Perumāl at Conjee-

1 'नरसिंहवर्मानेन निर्मायितविक्रमवर्मानसिंहेवराजिदेवकुलद्वयवैराग्यसर्वभोगाजितो जितगुणः' *South Indian Inscriptions*, Vol. I, p. 146.

2 Ibid. p. 147. The inscription records that the king, having captured Kāñci and inspected the riches of the temple, gave them again to the god i. e. did not confiscate the property of the temple. *Op. Ind.*, Vol. III, p. 359.

3 Convens: *Chālukyan Architecture of the Kanarese Districts*, p. 61.

veram, of which we shall speak later. The Śiva temple of Virattaneśvara at Tiruvādi in the South Arcot district contains an inscription belonging to the reign of Paramesvara-Pottaraiyar, and might perhaps be attributed to Paramesvaravarman II.<sup>1</sup>

There was a change in the line of succession after Paramesvaravarman II, and Nandivarman Pallavamalla came to the throne about 720 A. D. The Pallavas reigned for a further period of more than a century and a half, and continued the tradition of building temples in honour of Śiva. These shrines are smaller in size, of which the best examples are the temples of Muktesvara and Mataṅgeśvara at Conjeeveram. The first may be assigned to about the middle of the eighth century and the second to its end.<sup>2</sup> The temple of Kailāsanātha at Ālambākkam founded by Dantivarman, who succeeded Nandivarman Pallavamalla towards the end of the eighth century A. D., was probably rebuilt during the Cola period. To the later Pallava period also belong the temple of Paraśurāmeśvara at Gudimallam near Renigunta and that of Vādāmalliśvara at Oragadam near Chingleput. It is said that Śiva temples with the name Paraśurāmeśvara are not rare in the South, and they are believed to owe their existence to Paraśurāma. The temple at Oragadam is apsidal-ended, and modelled on the style of the rock-cut temple known as Sahadeva's Ratha at Mahābali-puram. 'Apsidal-ended temples of this type are not uncommon in Southern India, and as a rule are dedicated to Śiva. Perhaps in adopting this style of building from the Buddhists, the Brāhmaṇas saw in its apsidal-ended plan the sacred form of the *linga* or phallic emblem of Śiva, and thus considered it an appropriate design for Śaivite temples.'

One of the latest Pallava temples dedicated to Śiva is that of Virattaneśvara at Tiruttani, which belongs to the reign of Aparājita, the last of the Pallavas, and was therefore built in the last quarter of the ninth century. 'It is square on plan with a small porch or hall facing the east giving access to a shrine chamber 6 feet square.' 'The tower or *Vimāna* over the shrine chamber is designed like a small model of a Buddhist *caitya* and bears a striking resemblance to Sahadeva's Ratha.'

That Śaivism was the prevailing religion during the Pallava period is shown by the Pallava monuments, most of which are dedicated to Śiva. It has been said of the Pallava capital that 'in the south the honour belongs to one city only and that is Kāñcī. It seems that this position was attained by Kāñcī under the orthodox rule of the Pallavas and mainly by the religion of Śaivism which they propagated and favoured together with the greatness of the Śaiva saints who flourished there. Buddhism and Jainism both found followers in the Pallava empire, but the religion of the ruling family and the people generally was Śaivism. They built a few Viṣṇu temples, but Śiva was their family deity, and Kāñcī is still

<sup>1</sup> Jouveau-Dubreuil: *The Pallavas*, p. 46.

<sup>2</sup> For the later Pallava temples see Longhurst (op. cit.), Part III and Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. II.

the greatest stronghold of Śaivism in the south, and the most devout Śaiva poets and saints belong to that city.<sup>1</sup> The simultaneous existence of Vaiṣṇavism cannot indeed be ruled out, but it seems to have played a subsidiary rôle during the Pallava period and probably long after. The earliest of the Alvārs were associated with Kāñci, but it is not easy to assign dates or the extent of their influence on contemporary society. Tirumangai, the last of the Alvārs, has been assigned to the eighth century, and he was probably a contemporary of Nandivarman Pallavamalla.<sup>2</sup> Among the great Pallavas, Parameśvaravarman II appears to have been a devout Vaiṣṇava, and the Vaikunṭha Perumāl temple built by him at Kāñci is one of the few large Pallava temples dedicated to Viṣṇu.<sup>3</sup> The Keśava Perumāl temple at Kūram near Conjeeveram is another Pallava shrine dedicated to Viṣṇu. It contains an inscription of the reign of Dantivarman, and there is no doubt that the temple belongs to the latter half of the eighth century.<sup>4</sup> Similar traces of Vaiṣṇavism are found in the Pāṇḍya country where, as we have seen, some of the early triumphs of Śaivism had been achieved. In 770 A. D. Mārangāri or Madhurakavi, a minister of the Pāṇḍya king Varaguṇa Neḍunjaḍayan built a stone temple for Viṣṇu in the Anamalai hill near Madura, and gave a village to some Brahmins apparently on the occasion of the installation of the image of Narasimha in the temple. The king, too, built a large temple for Viṣṇu, but though he is called *parama-vaiṣṇavan* in inscriptions, he was liberal in his benefactions to Śaiva temples.<sup>5</sup>

The Pallavas were supplanted by the Colas about the end of the ninth century A. D. when Āditya I defeated Aparājita, the last independent king of the Pallava dynasty. The Colas were ardent Śaivas, and their rule prolonged the domination of the Śaiva faith. They were also great builders of temples, and from an architectural point of view, the later Pallava style merges into the early Cola. According to the Anbil plates, Āditya I (circa 871-907 A. D.) built on both banks of the Kāveri tall stone temples in honour of Śiva. After his death, a Śiva temple called by the names Ādityeśvara and Kodaṇḍarāmeśvara was founded in his memory by his son and successor Parāntaka I (907-953 A. D.). As already mentioned,

1 Longhurst (op. cit.), Part III, p. 9.

2 Aiyangar (op. cit.), p. 275.

3 Like the Kailāsanātha temple, the pyramidal tower consists of a central shrine on the ground floor and three upper storeys. The one on the ground floor contains a large four-armed image of Viṣṇu in a sitting posture. The shrine of the first floor contains a fairly large image of Viṣṇu in the form of Anantaśayana. The cell on the second floor contains a smaller image of Viṣṇu. The third story of the tower is hollow. The Anantaśayana form of Viṣṇu seems to have been popular in the South. Between the Shore Temple and the small attendant Śiva temple at Mahābalipuram, 'is a third shrine containing a large decayed stone image of Viṣṇu in a recumbent position and representing that deity in the form of Anantaśayana.' It is an oblong cell built up against the back wall of the smaller Śiva temple, and appears to be a later addition. Longhurst (op. cit.), pp. 3, 16.

4 Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Pallava Antiquities*, Vol. II, p. 14.

5 Sastri: *The Pāṇḍyan Kingdom*, p. 63.

the custom of founding such memorial temples dedicated to Śiva was also prevalent in the Deccan in the tenth century. Parāntaka I is known to have covered with gold the Śiva temple at Cidambaram. 'In fact Parāntaka's reign was a great epoch in the history of South Indian temple architecture, and the work of temple-building begun by Āditya was continued vigorously during the best part of his reign.'<sup>1</sup>

South Indian Śaivism may be said to have reached its apogee during the reign of Rājarāja I (985-1014 A. D.). The great literary reorganisation of Tamil Śaivism took place in his time. The hymns and devotional poems of the Śaiva saints were collected and arranged in eleven sections, or Tirumurai, by Nambi Āṇḍār Nambi, a Brahmin priest of Tirunāraiur in the Tanjore district, under the patronage of Rājarāja Abhaya Kulasekhara Cola, identified with Rājarāja I.<sup>2</sup> The encouragement of Nambi Āṇḍār Nambi in his great undertaking was not the only service rendered by Rājarāja I to the cause of Śaivism. It was he who built the celebrated Śiva temple at Tanjore, the Rājarājesvara, perhaps the most magnificent creation of the South Indian building art, with the *vimāna*, or tower, rising 'over the sanctum to a height of nearly 200 feet on a square base of about a hundred feet.' Rājarāja who invaded and conquered Ceylon seems to have built a stone temple to Śiva at Polonnaruwa, the new capital of the island, founded after the destruction of the ancient capital Anurādhapura by the invading armies. It is a small but beautiful structure, and one of 'the few Hindu monuments in Ceylon, which are still in a good state of preservation.' The Śiva temple at Dādāpuram in the South Arcot district bears an inscription of Rājarāja, and is another well-preserved example of the early Cola style of the tenth century A. D.<sup>3</sup> It may also be noted that an inscription of the twenty-fourth year of the reign of Rājarāja I records a sale of land, tax-free, for the *pavitrārohana* ceremony in honour of Mahādeva of the Candramaulisvara temple by certain residents of Merpāḍi *alias* Rājāsrayapuram.<sup>4</sup> Pavitrārohana or Pavitrāropana is an important Śaiva rite described in detail in *Īśānasivagurudeva-paddhati* (*Kriyāpāda*, chap. XXI).

Rājarāja I was succeeded by his son Rājendra I who reigned till 1044 A. D. The latter is said to have imported Śaivas from the banks of the Ganges and settled them in Kāñcīpura and in the Cola country. The great Śiva temple built by him in his new capital Gangaikondacolapuram still stands amidst the ruins of the city in the Trichinopoly district. The emphasis on *vimānas* of stupendous height is the outstanding feature of the early Cola style at Tanjore and Gangaikonda-colapuram.

It is not necessary for our purpose to pursue further the course of Śaivism in South India. The finishing touch to the devotional literature

1 Sastri: *The Colas*, Vol. I, Chap. VII.

2 *Tamilian Antiquary* No. 3, 1909, p. 2.

3 Jouveau-Dubreuil: *Dravidian Architecture*, p. 57.

4 Sastri (*op. cit.*), p. 512.

of Tamil Śaivism may be said to have been given by Śekkilār in the twelfth century, by recounting the lives of the Śaiva saints in his *Periyapurāṇam*, based on the earlier work of Nambi Aṇḍār Nambi. The organisation of Vaiṣṇavism initiated by Nāthamuni in the tenth century and continued by Yamunācārya was completed about this time by Rāmānuja, who seems to have been an elder contemporary of Śekkilār. The activity of the Vaiṣṇava Acāryas thus falls within the period of the Śaivite Colas. Rājarāja the Great was liberal in his outlook, and though a devout Śaiva, built Viṣṇu temples in Mysore and richly endowed others.<sup>1</sup> But it is significant that Rāmānuja and his followers were persecuted by a Cola king usually supposed to be Kulottuṅga I who commenced his reign in 1070 A. D. There are other instances of the Cola persecution of the Viṣṇu cult; and, in any case, the initial triumph of Rāmānuja was achieved not in the Cola country, but in Mysore under Biṭṭideva or Viṣṇuvardhana Hoysala who reigned in the first half of the twelfth century.

#### APPENDIX IV

##### THE KĀLĀMUKHA SECT

In Chapter XIII, p. 350, we have referred to the important Kālamukha sect and its influence in the Mysore country in the eleventh and twelfth centuries. The Kālamukhas were influential also in the Cola country from about the tenth century A. D.; and the relevant evidence is summarized by Prof. Nilakanta Sastri in his *Colas*, Vol. II (part I), p. 494. A *maṭha* of the Kālamukhas existed at Melpādi (North Arcot), where Kṛṣṇa III established his camp during his invasion of the Cola kingdom, as recorded in Somadeva's *Yasastilaka*. Kālamukha teachers bearing the names Śailarāśi and Jñānarāśi are mentioned in connection with endowments in the temple of Tiruvānaikkoyil (Chingleput) in the years 1127, 1205 and 1231. A Kālamukha teacher sold some land to the temple at Koyil Tevarāyanpetṭai (Tanjore district) in 1123 A. D.

As we have seen, the Kālamukhas of the Mysore region were Pāśupatas, and are often described as exponents of the Lākula creed; and sometimes a teacher is compared to Lakulīśvara, the founder of the system, or styled as Lakulīśvara-Paṇḍita. Similar evidence is furnished by the Cola inscriptions. The head of the *maṭha* of the Kālamukhas at Melpādi was, for instance, called Lakulīśvara-Paṇḍita. Some of these Kālamukha teachers are called also *mahāvratin*, 'possessed of the great vow'. An inscription from Jambai (South Arcot) of the reign of the Cola king Virarājendra (1063-69 A. D.) mentions a Mahāvratin Lakulīśvara-Paṇḍita in connection with the local temple. An inscription of the twentieth year of the reign of Kṛṣṇa III, i. e. about 959 A. D., describes how a certain man of a noble family,

1. Sastri (*op. cit.*), p. 224.



a devoted friend of the Cola prince Rājāditya, turned ascetic after the death of the latter on the battlefield (see p. 2), and became a *mahāvratin*, under the name of Caturānana Paṇḍita, and the head of the *maṭha* at Tiruvorriyūr (Chingleput district). It is difficult to explain why the Kālāmukha ascetics are styled here as *mahāvratin*, which is the usual name for Kāpālikas (see p. 358). It is true that the Kālāmukhas are sometimes described as a sect very much akin to the Kāpālikas who were notorious for their evil practices. But the Kālāmukhas of the Mysore and Cola inscriptions were followers of the Pāśupata system, and could hardly have been affiliated to the degenerate Kālāmukha sect mentioned by Yāmuna Muni and Rāmānuja. It is, of course, not impossible that among the members of the Kālāmukha Pāśupata sect there were a few who might have adopted the Kāpālika way of life and figured as the Kālāmukhas stigmatized by the Vaiṣṇava teachers.

The Kālāmukha teachers described in the Cola inscriptions as Mahāvratins might be same as the Mahāpāśupatas mentioned by Udayana in his *Nyāya-kusumāñjali*, which was composed in north India towards the end of the tenth century, about the time when the Kālāmukha Pāśupatas were becoming prominent in the south. We have noted (p. 241) that the commentators on *Nyāyakusumāñjali* explain Mahāpāśupatas as those Pāśupatas who observe *mahāvratā* or the great vow. A certain amount of doctrinal affinity seems to have existed as between the Pāśupatas and the Kāpālikas (see p. 241); but it seems certain that *mahāvratā* did not exclusively mean the Kāpālika cult, and the term *mahāvratin* was applied also to the Kālāmukha Pāśupata teachers of the south.

We learn from Sastri: *Colas* (op. cit.) that a chieftain named Vikramakesari presented a big *maṭha* to a Kālāmukha teacher named Mallikārjuna who was his *guru*, and gave him also eleven villages attached to the *maṭha* for the maintenance of fifty Asita-vaktra, that is, Kālāmukha ascetics. Vikramakesari belonged to Koḍumbālūr (Pudukkottah) and was an ally of the Cola king Parāntaka II who ruled after 953 A. D. On p. 359 we have connected Mallikārjuna with the disreputable Kālāmukha sect; but in the light of the evidence furnished by the Cola inscriptions, it will be more appropriate to suppose that he was one of the Kālāmukha Pāśupata teachers who figure so prominently in the religious life of the south from about the tenth century onwards. These teachers, respected and patronized by kings, and in charge of monastic establishments, could hardly be supposed to have belonged to a sect akin to the Kāpālikas merely on account of the similarity of names.

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## Index of Geographical Names mentioned in *Yasastilaka*.

Comm. refers to Śrutasaṅgara's commentary on *Yasastilaka*.

Page numbers refer to the N. S. edition of *Yasastilaka*.

**Ahicchatra** in *Pāṇicāla*, Book VI, section 15. Identified with Ramnagar in Bareilly District, U. P. Sacred to the Jaina Saviour Pārśvanātha. Somadeva says श्रीमत्-  
पार्श्वनाथपरमेश्वरवश्यं प्रकाशनामये अहिच्छद्रे.

**Aṅga** 3. 247 etc. Corresponds roughly to the modern districts of Bhagalpur, Monghyr etc.

**Aśmaka**, Book III, p. 567: अश्मकवंशदेशानरः. Same as Aśmantaka mentioned in 1. 207: अश्मन्तक देशेन विज्ञाय यादि. Comm. explains Aśmantaka as the Sapādalakṣa mountain. The Barbara mentioned in 3. 112 is also explained by the comm. as the ruler of the hill tract of Sapādalakṣa. Aśmaka, Aśmantaka, the Barbara country, and Sapādalakṣa are thus identical. The capital of Aśmaka was Podana or Paudanapura, identified with modern Bodhan, situated on an affluent of the Godavari in the Nizamabad District of Hyderabad State. See Saletore: *The Southern Aśmaka in Jaina Antiquary*, Vol. VI, p. 60. Paudanapura is mentioned in *Yasastilaka*, Book VII, section 28, where it is located in Rāmyakadeśa (राम्यकदेशनिवेशोपेत-  
रौदनपुरनिवेशिनः). According to the Parbhani inscription (see Chap. I of this book), the Calukya chief Yuddhamalla I ruled over the Sapādalakṣa country, and caused his elephants to be bathed in a tank filled with oil at Podana. अस्मादित्यमवो वंशस्यालुक्च इति विदुतः । तत्राभूद् बुद्धमल्लाख्यो नृपतिर्षिकमार्गवः ॥ सपादकक्ष्मन्तर्ता तैलपात्रां स पोदने । अवगाहोत्सवं चक्रे शकनीमदन्तिनाम् ॥. Aśmaka is called Assaka in Pāli literature, and Podana is the same as the ancient Potana, the capital of Assaka, which is one of the seven Kingdoms of India mentioned in a verse cited in the *Mahāgovinda Sūttanta* of the *Dighenikāya*. In the *Suttanipāṭa* (verse 977), Assaka is located on the banks of the Godavari. The name appears as Aśmaka in the *Mahāpasta*, Vol. 3, p. 208.

The Aśmaka country thus corresponds to the Nizamabad District of Hyderabad State and the adjoining territory, and possibly covered in ancient times the southernmost area of Berar as well as the northern part of Hyderabad. See also Sarkar: *The Vākāṭakas and the Aśmaka country* in *IHQ*, Vol. XXII, p. 233 and Mirashi: *Historical Data in Daṇḍin's Daśakumāracarita* in *ABORI*, Vol. XXVI, p. 20.

**Ayodhyā**, Book VI, section 8 (कोशलदेशमध्यावाम-  
योध्यायां पुरि). Kośala is mentioned in 3.249 (कोशलेः कोशलन्द्रः). Comm. explains कोशल as Vinītāpura. Under 1.210 it says विनीतायाः  
अयोध्यायाः.

**Balavāhanapura**, Book VI, section 15.

**Barbara**, see under Aśmaka.

**Bhāvapura**, Book VI, section 15.

**Bhoja** country (भोजपनी) 1. 207. Same as Vidarbha or Berar. Bhandarkar: *Early History of the Dekkan*, section III.

**Bhūmitilaka**, see under Janapada.

**Campā**, Book VI, section 8 (अङ्गमण्डलेषु.....चम्पायां  
पुरि). Near Bhagalpur. The ancient capital of the kingdom of Aṅga.

**Cedi**, Book III (चेदिषु नदीषु: etc.). The capital of Cedi was Tripuri (Tewar, near Jubbalpur). Under 1.207 comm. explains Cedi as Kuṇḍinapura.

**Cerama**, Book III. Yaśodhara is described as पञ्चवपाण्ड्याचोकचेरमहर्म्यनिर्माणप्रकाश्यमानदिरविजय-  
वाहिनीप्रचारः. Cerama = Cera = Kerala (Ma-  
labar). In 1. 208 the Cera king is addressed thus: चेरम पर्वट मलयोष्कण्ठम्. The reading of the printed text, चेरम, is a mistake, as the mss. read चेरम. Kerala is mentioned several times: केरलीनां नवम-  
दीपिकाकेलिकण्ठसु: Book I; 3. 247; 3. 112: केरि  
केरु संहर; 1. 210: केरुमहिलामुखकमण्डलः and  
केरलेषु कटाकः etc. Book III, p. 481.

**Coia**, see under Cerama. Also 3. 247. Cf.  
चोलीनवनोलम्बनविकास 1. 186; चोलीषु अरुणानदी.

**मल्लवर्षिः** Book I. The traditional Cola country is represented by the modern districts of Trichinopoly and Tanjore and part of Pudukkottah State. Comm. on 3.247 calls the Cola country *Mañjishādeśa*, 'The land of madder', also *Samaṅgadeśa* (under 1. 86), *samaṅga* being same as *mañjishā*. Under 1. 208 (चोलेश चरुविमुहकृत्) comm. identifies the Cola country with Gaṅgāpura, which seems to be an abbreviated Sanskritized form of Gangai-kopḍa-calapuram, the Cola capital during the eleventh and twelfth centuries, 'at the meeting point of the modern districts of Trichinopoly, S. Arcot and Tanjore.'

**Gurkāra**, Book IV, p. 138. A city associated in a legend with the sage Bṛhaspati.

**Dahāla**, Book VII, section 29. Same as Dāhala or Dāhāla identified with the kingdom of Oedi (q. v.). Somadeva describes it as full of sugarcane groves, and says that the city of Svastimatī is in Dahāla (अवकासकोट्यन्तरेतिरेवेष्टुवणावतारैर्विराजितमण्डलांश्चालयामसि स्वस्तिमती नाम पुरी).

**Daśārṇa**, Book IV, p. 153. Also दशार्णवर्णिनी-कर्णपुरः Book III, p. 568. The capital of Daśārṇa was Vidiśā, the remains of which are between the rock of Bhilsa and the hill of Udayagiri. In the midst of this buried city is the hamlet of Besnagar, in Gwalior State. Comm. says दशार्ण नाम नगरं गोपाचक्रम् गच्छति चत्वारिंशति वर्तते. Daśārṇa is identified with East Malwa and the adjoining region with its capital at Vidiśā and the rivers Daśārṇā (modern Dhasan) and Vetravati (modern Betwa) running through it. *IHQ*, Vol. XXI, p. 61.

**Ekacakrapura**, Book VII, section 22.

**Ekānāsī**, Book V (explained in comm. as Ujjayini), p. 226. Mentioned also in Book VII, section 25, and located in Avanti.

**Girikūṭa**, Book VII, section 29.

**Hastināgapura**, see under Kurujāṅgala.

**Hemapura**, Book VI, section 15.

**Indrakaccha**, Book VI, section 9. The city of Raurukapura, also called Māyāpurī, is

located in the Indrakaccha country. The name Raurukapura is omitted in the printed text, and supplied here from the manuscripts. Raurukapura seems to be the Roruka of the Buddhist texts, the capital of Sovira, an important centre of the coasting trade, apparently on the Gulf of Cutch. Rhys Davids: *Buddhist India*, p. 38. Cf. *Mahāvastu*, Vol. 3, p. 208; लोकीराणां च रोक्कं.

**Janapada**, Book VI, section 5. The capital of Janapada was Bhūmitilakapura. The place is not identified, but for early coins of Janapada see Rapson: *Indian Coins*, p. 12. Janapada was perhaps near the Kuru country, as in the story in question (See Chap. XVI) two friends, banished from Bhūmitilakapura, come to Hastināgapura in Kurujāṅgala.

**Kākandī**, see under Kāmpilya.

**Kālidāsa**, name of a forest, near Abhicakra, on the Jalavāhini river (जलवाहिनीनामनदीतटनिकटनिविष्टप्रतनने महति कालिदासकानने Book VI, section 15).

**Kaliṅga**, Book V. Sudatta is described as the lord of the Mahendra mountain, the home of elephants, in Kaliṅga (कलिङ्गेषु दिग्दमदामोदमन्दकन्दरोदपरितरत्तवनपानपरमपुकरालीनीकमणिमेखलाङ्कितनित्यवकुलपरस्य महेन्द्रमहीपरस्माद्विपत्तिः). The Kaliṅga forest, famous for its elephants, is thus defined in a verse quoted in the comm. on Book II: उक्तं च—'उत्कलनां च देशस्य दक्षिणस्यार्णवस्य च । तत्रस्य चैव विन्ध्यस्य मध्ये कालिङ्गं वनम् ॥' The elephants of Kaliṅga are referred to also in *Patastilaka* 3. 248.

**Kamboja** 1. 211 (कम्बोजपुरन्तरीतिकवचः); कम्बोजीनां नामिषकभिर्गर्भसंयोगयुजः Book I. Comm. on Book II (देवमिष कुलेन कम्बोजम्) identifies Kamboja with Bāhlikadeśa (modern Balkh in Northern Afghanistan). Under 1. 211 comm. identifies Kamboja with Kashmir and the neighbouring countries, and calls the Kamboja women large-headed: कम्बोजी-रादिदेवकीर्णा इहन्मुष्कानाम्. It explains also कम्बोजीनाम् इहन्मुष्कमनीयकामिनीनाम्. Kamboja was near Gandhāra 'in the extreme north-

west, with Dvāraka as its capital'. Rhys Davids (op. cit.), p. 28.

**Kāmpilya**, Book VII, section 32 (पञ्चालदेशे निदशनिवेशामुक्तोपशत्ये काम्पिल्ये). Identified with Kampil in Farrukhabad District, U. P. The city of Kākandī, described as a great commercial centre (सकलजगत्प्रवहारावतारनिवेशां काम्पिल्यम् Ibid.), seems to have been in the neighbourhood of Kāmpilya, as the miser Śāgaradatta goes from the latter city to Kākandī on hearing of the death of his nephew, and returns not long after. Kākandī is mentioned also in Book VII, section 24. It was the birth place of the Jaina Tirthankara Puṣpadanta. Somadeva says श्रीमत्पुण्ड्रवन्तमदन्तावतारावलीर्निदिष्य पक्षिसंपादितोपावेन्द्रासत्त्वां काम्पिलां पुरिः.

**Kanakagiri**, Book III, p. 566. A mountain near Ujjayinī. Yaśodhara, the king of Ujjayinī, is described as the lord of Kanakagiri. Comm. says that Kanakagiri is the name of a city on the Suvarpagiri mountain, four Krośas from Ujjayinī (सुवर्णगिरिनामपर्वतोपरि वसति यत् नगरं तत् कनकगिरि-रित्युच्यते । उज्जयिन्याः समीपे गन्धर्वसिद्धं गत्वा कनकगिरिः प्राप्यते ।).

**Kankāhi**, Book V. A village near Ujjayinī. The inhabitants of the village manufactured woolen shawls or carpets and leather saddles. Somadeva says उज्जयिनीं निकषा तमशजिनजेजाजीवनोटकाकुले.....कङ्काहिनामके ग्राम-धामके. Comm. says तमतन् ऊर्गमिवमास्तरणम्, अजिनजेणं चर्मपट्टाणम्.

**Karahāṭa**, Book V. Karhāṭ on the confluence of the Krishnā and the Koinā in Satārā District, Bombay Province. Somadeva describes Karahāṭa as a prosperous country and gives an interesting picture of a large dairy farm of the locality. He refers also to the tall gold-crested edifices of Karahāṭa: 'अपि च वन, सोत्सेवसोवसिस्त्रामयका-सकुम्भसुम्भममामु नमः प्रविभाष्य भूयः ।'.....

**Karpāṭa** 1. 185 (कर्णाटयुवसिहस्तवत्सल) and कर्णाटीनां कुचकण्डविसत्पट्टवः Book I. Roughly the country between the Godāvari and the Kāveri, bordering on the Arabian Sea in the West, and extending approximately to 78° longitude in the East. Sources of

**Karpāṭa History**, Vol. I, p. VII. Under 1. 211 (कर्णाटयुवसिहस्तवत्सल) comm. explains Karpāṭa as comprising Vidara and other places: कर्णाटयुवतीनां विदरादिस्त्रीणां. Vidara is modern Bidar (District and Town) in Hyderabad State. Comm. on Book I identifies Karpāṭa with Vanavāsa (or Vanavāsi): कर्णाटीनां वनवासदेशोचिताम्.

**Kaunga**, Book III: कौण्डेय कुरङ्गः etc., p. 431. Same as Kōṅgudeśa, "the western part of Maisur as far as Nandidrug, together with Coimbatore and Salem." Rapson: *Indian Coins*, p. 36.

**Kausāmbī**, Book III (कौशाम्बीनितम्बिनीविष्वाधर-मण्डनः). Identified with Kosam on the Jumna, about 30 miles west of Allahabad. Kausāmbī was the capital of the Vatsa country. Comm. says कौशाम्बी नाम नगरी वत्सदेशे गोपाचक्रात् गन्धर्वसिद्धमन्तरिक्षांशे वसति. If Gavyūti, as a measure of distance, is taken to mean two Krośas or four miles, Kausāmbī, according to the commentary, is about 176 miles from Gopācala or Gwalior. Kausāmbī is mentioned also in Book VII, section 26. In an early Buddhist text (the Mahā-Sudassana-Suttanta of the *Dighanikāya*) Kosambi is mentioned as one of the great cities, the others being Campā, Rājagaha, Benares etc.

**Kira** 3.249 (काश्मीरे कीरनाथः). Kashmir. Comm. says कीरनाथः शुक्रदेशस्वामी काश्मीरदेशाधिपः.

**Krathakaisika**, Book III: कथकैशिकेयु कामः etc., p. 431 and कथकैशिककृशानुः, p. 567. Comm. explains the term as Virāṭadeśa, corresponding roughly to the present territory of Jaipur and Alwar States. Kalidāsa identifies Krathakaisika with Vidarbha (Berar and the adjoining territory) in *Raghuvamśa* 5. 60, 61.

**Kuntala** 1. 211 (कुन्तलकान्तालकमङ्गनिरत). "In the inscriptions of the later Kadambas, the progenitor of the Kadamba family (sometimes called Mayūdravarman, but in some cases Makkana or Trilocana Kadamba) is represented as the ruler of the Kuntala country which is described as the land round the capital city of

Vanavāsi in the North Kanara District." The territories of the Kadambas of Vanavāsi comprised the North Kanara District and parts of Mysore, Belgaum and Dharwar. Somadeva seems to have this area in his mind. See Sarkar in *IHQ*, Vol. XXII, p. 233. Kuntala seems, however, to refer to a wider area. "The following verse which occurs in the Nilgund plate describes the Later Cālukya emperor Jayasimha II also as Mallikāmōda as ruling over the Kuntala country where flows the famous river Kṛṣṇavarṇā (i. e. the Kṛṣṇā which gets this name after its confluence with the Venā near Māhuli, 3 miles east of Sātara): विस्मातकृष्णवर्णे तैलकहोयकम्बसरलले। कुन्तलविषये नितरां विराजते महिकामोदः॥" The Rāṣṭrakūṭas and the Later Cālukyas are described in contemporary records and Sanskrit works as rulers of Kuntala. The capital of the Rāṣṭrakūṭas was Mānyakheṭa, modern Mālkheṭ in the Gulbarga District of Hyderabad State; while that of the Later Cālukyas was Kalyāṇa, about 50 miles almost due north of Mālkheṭ, near Bidar in the Bidar District in the same State. "Mālkheṭ is about 250 miles, as the crow flies, north by east of Banavāsi and more than 50 miles north of the Kṛṣṇā." The *Udayasundarikathā* says that Pratiṣṭhāna, modern Paithān on the Godāvarī, was the capital of the Kuntala country. Kuntala thus did not comprise only the North Kanara District of Bombay Province and parts of Mysore, Belgaum and Dharwar Districts, but extended much further to the north so as to include what we now call the Southern Maratha country. See Mirashi in *IHQ*, Vol. XXII, p. 310.

**Kurujaṅgala** 1. 211 (कुरुजाङ्गलनाकुवतनुव). A portion of the Kuru country, which contained the city of Hastināpura, called by Somadeva Hastināgapura or Hastināpura in Book VI, section 20. Jāṅgaladeśa and Hastināgapura are mentioned also in Book VII, section 28.

**Kuśāgrapura** in Magadha, Book VI, section 6

(मगधदेशे कुशाग्रनगरोपान्तापातिनि). Kuśāgrapura is mentioned by Yuan Chwang, being called the centre of Magadha and its old capital. "The city derived its name from the excellent fragrant reed-grass which abounded there." Watters: *On Yuan Chwang's Travels in India*, Vol. II, p. 148. According to a tradition preserved in Hemasandra's *Triṣaṣṭīlā-kāpuruṣacarita*, Prasena-jit was king of Kuśāgrapura. Because of frequent fires in Kuśāgrapura Prasena-jit ordered that any one in whose house a fire occurred should be exiled from the city. As a fire subsequently occurred in the palace, Prasena-jit felt bound by his own edict, left the city, and founded Rājagṛha. See Johnson in *IHQ*, Vol. XXII, p. 228. Rājagṛha, the new capital, is modern Rajgir, south of Patna, near Bihar (town). Rājagṛha, called also Pañcaśāllapura, the city surrounded by the five hills, is mentioned by Somadeva in Book VI, section 13 (मगधदेशे राजगृहापरनामावसरे पञ्चशैलपुरे).

**Kusumapura**, Book IV (कुसुमपुरे चरादाकर्णित etc). Same as Pāṭaliputra.

**Lampāka**, Book III (लम्पाकपुरपुरं प्रिकापरमाधुयं पश्यतो हरे..... हेमने मरुति). Identified with the modern Laghman. It is the Lan-po of Yuan-chuang, and supposed to represent the *Lambatai* of Ptolemy. Watters: *On Yuan Chwang*, Vol. I, p. 181.

**Lāṭa** 1. 185 (लाटीमुखाञ्जसंभोगईस). Comm. says लाटीनां भृगुकच्छदेशोद्भवानां क्षीपाश्च. Bhrgukaccha, or Bharukaccha, as it is called in Pāli, is modern Broach (District and Town) at the mouth of the Narmadā. Lāṭa corresponds roughly to Eastern Gujarat.

**Madra** 3. 112 (प्रविष्ट रे मद्रश्च देशान्तरश्च). Identified with the country about Sakala (Sialkot) in the Punjab between the Ravi and the Chenab.

**Māhismati**, Book III (हिमाकृतमल्लमगधमध्यदेश-माहिष्मतीपतिमन्वृतीनामवनीपतीनां वल्गुनि and माहिष्मतीपुत्रतिरक्तिकुसुमपापः). Comm. says माहिष्मती नाम नगरी वसुनपुरमिति पचनश्च. Supposed to be Maheshwar on the Narmadā in Indore, or

**Mandhata**, also on the Narmadā, in Nimar District, C. P. Māhiṣmatī was the capital of the early Kalacuris (Kaṭacōuris) who ruled over Mahārāṣṭra between the extinction of the Andhrabhr̥tyas and the rise of the Čālukyas. Bhandarkar: *Early History of the Dekkan*, 3rd. ed., Notes, p. 251. Kṛṣṇarāja, the founder of the early Kalacōuri dynasty, established himself at Māhiṣmatī about the middle of the 6th century A. D. The capital was later transferred to Tripuri near Jubbulpur. Cf. *IHQ*, Vol. XXI, p. 84.

**Mathurā**. For references to Mathurā see Chap. XVII of this book. In Book VI, section 10, Uttara-Mathurā, 'Mathurā of the North', is distinguished from Dakṣiṇa-Mathurā, 'Mathurā of the South,' in Pāṇḍyamāṇḍala, i. e. Madura.

**Mithilāpura**, Book VI, section 20.

**Nābhigiri**, Book VI, section 15. A mountain in Magadha on the border of the city of Sopārāpura (मगधविषये सोपारपुरपर्यन्तवासि नाभिगिरिनासि महीषरे).

**Nepāla** 3. 249 (नृगमदेरेष नेपालपालः).

**Padmāvati**, Book III (पद्मावतीपुरपरमेष्ठरः). Comm. explains it as Ujjayini. Mentioned also in Book VII, section 26. A marginal note in ms. A gives the same explanation.

**Padminikheta**, Book VII, section 27. Name of a city.

**Pallava** 1. 207 (पल्लव लघु केलीरसमपैहि); 1. 210 (पल्लवरमणीकृतनिरहखेद); and पल्लवीषु नितम्बस्त्री-लेखनकुरङ्गः Book I. The Pallava country was the region of Kāñci (Conjeevaram), the ancient Tondaimaṇḍalam, ruled over by the Pallavas until they were overthrown by the Čolas towards the end of the ninth century. The Pallava territory was annexed by the Čolas, but the memories of Pallava rule must have been still fresh when Somadeva wrote a little more than half a century later. Farther, Pallava chieftains continued to rule here and there under Čola suzerainty. Poussin: *Dynasties et Histoire de l'Inde*, p. 271. Comm. explains Pallava as Pañca-Drāmila, which is

rather vague, but there is no doubt that the Drāmila or Drāviḍa or the Tamil country is meant. In Book III Somadeva describes a Drāmila or Tamil or Dravidian Regiment (द्रामिलं रत्नम्). Apart from the Pallavas, the Kāñci territory is mentioned in Book III (काञ्चिकामिनीकुचकलशक्ति-लघुः). Comm. says काञ्चिनाम दक्षिणसमुद्रतटदेशः.

**Pañcāla**. A king of Pañcāla (modern Rohilkhand, U. P.) figures prominently in Book III. The Pañcālakas are mentioned in 3.112, 247.

**Pāṇḍu**, Book IV (पाण्डुपुत्रमुदीरम्). Same as the Pāṇḍya country. The king of the Pāṇḍya-deśa is mentioned in 3.248.

**Pātāliputra**. The courtesans of Pātāliputra are incidentally referred to in Book III (पाटलिपुत्रपण्णवानामुजङ्गः). Another Pātāliputra, located in Surāṣṭradēśa (Kathia-war), is mentioned in Book VI, section 12.

**Paudanapura**. See under Aśmaka.

**Paurava**, Book III (पौरवपुरप्रदीपतिलकः). Comm. says that Pauravapura is Ayodhyā.

**Rājapura**, capital of the Yaudheya country, described in Book I. "The Yaudheyas have been identified with the modern Johiyas of Bhāwalpur, but in ancient times their territory was more extended." Rapson: *Indian Coins*, p. 14. Rājapura may perhaps be identified with modern Rajanpur in Bahawalpur State, south of Multan. See also Chap. XV of this Book.

**S'āṅkhapura**, Book VI, section 8. Seems to be not far from Ayodhyā. In the story in question Anantamati is abandoned in the neighbourhood of a mountain bordering on S'āṅkhapura, whence she is taken to Ayodhyā by a merchant who had pitched his camp near by (शङ्खपुरपर्यन्तपर्वतो-पकण्ठे परिहृता तत्समीपसमावासितसार्धानीकेन...वणिक्-पतिपाकेनावलोकिता सती स्वीकृता च.....कोञ्जलदेश-मन्नायामयोध्यायां पुरि...समर्पिता).

**Simhala** 1.186, 3.247 etc.

**Simhapura**, Book VII, section 27. Located in the Prayāga country. Not the Simhapura mentioned by Yuan Chwang. See Watters (op. cit.), Vol. I, p. 248.

**Sindhu 3.248** (सुरगनिवह एव प्रेषितः सैन्यदेः). The Saindhavas mentioned are the princes ruling over the Indus territory.

**Sriṣagrāma**, Book VII, section 26. Located in Avanti.

**Sopārapura**. See under Nābhigiri.

**Śrīcandra 3.249** (श्रीचन्द्रश्चन्द्रकान्तैर्विविचकुलधनेर्भागवः प्रायुतेस्त्वां, द्रष्टुं हारे समासे...). The reference is obscure. Comm. explains Śrīcandra as the lord of the Kailāsa mountain.

**Śrīmāla 3.247**. Bhinmal in Jodhpur State. It is the Bhillamāla mentioned in the Prasasti of the Jaina Prakrit romance *Kuvalayamālā* composed in the eighth century. Śrīmāla was the original home of the Jains now inhabiting Rajputana, Western India, the Punjab and the U. P. See Jinavijayaji Muni in *Bhāratiya Vidyā*, Vol. II, Parts I and II.

**Śurasena**, Book IV (सुरसेनेषु सुरतविलासम्). The Mathurā country.

**Surāstra**, Book VI, section 12. Kathiawar. Cf. सौराष्ट्रीषु बलिवाहिनीविनोदकुञ्जरः Book I. Comm. says गिरिनारिसौराष्ट्रियोषिष्ठः. The first name refers to Girnar Hill near Junagarh in Kathiawar.

**Suvarṇadvīpa**, Book VII, section 27. Sumatra. In the story in question the young merchant Bhadrāmītra along with his companions goes on a voyage to Suvarṇadvīpa, and returns after acquiring choice and rare local products in exchange for a huge quantity of merchandise (पुनरगण्यपण्यविनिमयेन तत्रत्यमन्त्रित्यमात्रामिमतवस्तुस्त्वमादाय प्रत्यावर्तमानसः). See Chap. XVI of this book.

**Suvela**, Book V. A mountain to the south of the Himālaya. 'हिमालयादक्षिणदिक्पोरः शैलः सुवेलेऽस्ति स्ताविलोः।'.

**Svastimati**, see under Dabhāla.

**Tāmalīpti**, Book VI, section 12. Described as being in Pūrvaśāla and Gaudamāṇḍala. Modern Tamluk in Midnapore District, Bengal.

**Ujjayinī**. Described with Avanti in Book II.

**Valabhi**, Book VII, section 23. (अक्षेपनिवाचैश्चरव-  
मदवचननीविदपातिकुलकेलिकमकान्धां वलब्धां पुनः).

Also वलभिरम्भोदविभ्रमप्रवरः Book III. Valabhi was the capital of the Maitrakas of Surāstra (Kathiawar), and is now represented by the ruins at Wala, about 20 miles N. W. of Bhavnagar.

**Vanavāsi 1.211** (वनवासिबोपिबौद्धविमुक्तः) and 1.189. "Situated in the corner between the Ghāṭa, the Tungabhadra and the Varada." Bühler's *Introduction to Vikramādhadeva-carita*. Comm. on 1.211 says गिरिसोपानगता-  
दिलीणम्, that is, the Vanavāsi area contained Girispā (modern Gersappa in North Kanara District, Bombay Province) and other cities. It may be noted that under 1.211 comm. reads गिरिसोपा and not गिरिसोपान, as stated in a footnote on p. 181 of the printed edition. Vanavāsi is mentioned in the *Mahāvamsa* XII.31, and, as pointed out by Geiger, there is a modern town Banavāsi in North Kanara. *Imp. Gaz. of India*, S. V. See under Kuntala.

**Vaṅga 3.247** (अन्यैश्चाङ्गकलिङ्गवङ्गपतिभिः) and वङ्गेषु सुलिङ्गः etc. Book III.

**Vaṅgāla**, Book III: वङ्गालेषु मङ्गलः etc., p. 431. Perhaps the earliest reference to the country of Vaṅgāla in classical Sanskrit literature. For other references see D. C. Ganguly: *Vaṅgālaśāla* in *IHQ*, December, 1943. "In the eleventh century Dacca District was in the country of Vaṅgāla.... In the fourteenth century Sonargaon is definitely known to have been the capital of Vaṅgāla, which extended from Dacca to Chittagong." Others think that the southern part of old Vaṅga came to be known as Vaṅgāla, and identify it with Candra-dvīpa, i. e. parts of the Buckergunge District and the adjoining region. See D. Sarkar: *The City of Bengals in Bhāratiya Vidyā*, Vol. V, p. 36. Vaṅgāla is mentioned in the Tirumalai inscription (1024 A. D.) of Rajendra Cola, while the Amlur inscription of Kalacūrya Vijjala (1157-87 A. D.) mentions Vaṅga and Vaṅgāla separately. *Ibid.* Vaṅgāla has also been identified with south-east Bengal including Chittagong. *IHQ*, Vol. XXII, p. 280.

**Vaṅgi** 1. 310 वङ्गिभूतानाम्भवावर्तसः and Book IV: वङ्गिभूतानाम्भवावर्तसः etc., p. 95. Vaṅgi seems to be the Vengi country, being the districts between the Godāvari and the Kr̥ṣṇā, where ruled the Eastern Cālukyas. But the comm. in both places identifies Vaṅgi with Ratnapura. On 1. 210 it says वङ्गिभूतानाम्भवावर्तसः अथवाः पूर्वदिक्क्षीणं रत्नपुरक्षीणम्. Ratnapura (modern Ratanpur in Bilaspur District, C. P., to the north of Bilaspur Town) was the capital of Dakṣiṇa

Kośala, where reigned a branch of the Cedis of Tripuri.

**Vārāṇasī** in the Kāśī country (काशीदेशेयु). Book VII, section 31.

**Vijayapura** in Madhyadeśa, Book VI, section 7.

**Viśālā**, same as Ujjayinī. अद्विष्टविषयेषु सुखम्:— सौख्यविज्ञानायां विज्ञानायां पुरि, Book VI, section 19. Mentioned also in Book V.

**Yandheya**, see under Rājapura.



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